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In search of...

Just chillin!
Jeffrey Conner
and Michael
Zielinski hang out
on a sunny
afternoon in their
lawn chairs. photo
by Virginia
Surovec



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to

leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

The academic experience is ultimately what draws students to CSU in search of knowledge. photo by Libby Bailey



photo by
Matt Wright





The L. Mendel Rivers Library offers students the latest technology and conventional methods of research. photo by Libby Bailey

In search of...



Martin Avery, representing the Student Government Association, hands a stick of cotton candy to Amber Attridge at the fall festival. photo by Virginia Surovec

The search. Searching for knowledge, for meaning, for love and for acceptance is the driving force behind many of our actions. Our college years are a time of discovery about ourselves and the world around us. The quest for answers to

life's questions leads to deeper study and examination of all we know and love. And the search leads us to the ultimate truth: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13



The Homecoming theme—Go Buc Wild—showcased the CSU spirit. photo by Nancy Shealy



Jen Lambright had a professional photograph taken while in China. Her entire traditional tailor-made outfit was \$12 in American money. photos provided

Jen Lambright and her English class students enjoy a day at a Chinese park.



Brooke Katz joins in on a festive dance while vacationing in Cancun. photos provided

Far right: Teaching aerobics at East Shore Health and Racquet Club kept Brooke Katz in shape over the summer.



Jacquelyn Bailey spent her summer babysitting seven kids and competing in track meets. photos provided

Jacquelyn Bailey is excited after her track and field team captured second place at nationals in Orlando. Bailey competes in hurdles and jumps.



Nothing lazy about summer!



Approximately 200 graduate and undergraduate students received diplomas on May 3 and 4 in the Chapel.

Dennis E. Drew, a member of the Board of Visitors, gave the commencement address. Drew was awarded an honorary doctor of business administration.

Bobby F. Ott received an honorary doctor of business administration, and Donald C. Purvis received an honorary doctor of religion.

Ginger and Joe Opatsky received distinguished service awards for their work with the Parents of Buccaneers.

Dr. Scott Yarbrough was Grand Marshal.

Anna Braxton Duncan received the Outstanding Christian Teacher Award. photo by Ashley Padgett



Proud families gather with President Jairy Hunter for pictures after the graduation ceremony. photo by Ashley Padgett

Lili Gresham, SGA president, received The Myrtle E. Hamrick Award and gave the senior class address. photo by Ashley Padgett

Small groups pray for the issues facing our school and country at See You at the Pole. photo by Sarah Dyar



At the pole

Students all around the country gather for See You at the Pole each September. The Bible reading, praise and worship time and lots of praying give the students a chance to focus and reflect on our country and our university.

The place to be on Wednesday nights at 9 is the Caf for Halftime. Halftime is one of the most attended activities on campus and offers something for everyone. Weekly praise and worship offers students a time to gather with fellow students and worship God and have fun at the same time.

CSU performers take the stage with the Sammy Ward Band at the first Halftime of the year. photo by Amy Ketner



Prayer is the main focus at the annual See You at the Pole rally held each September. photo by Sarah Dyar



Weekly Halftimes draw a crowd of students each Wednesday. photo by Amy Ketner

Halftime provides a midweek chance to join other students in worshipping the Lord. photo by Amy Ketner

The Drama & Interpretive Movement team seeks to portray the powerful message of God's forgiveness. photo by Libby Bailey



Kristin Bocchine concentrates on the motions for a song the team is interpreting. photo by Virginia Surovec

The Drama & Interpretive Movement team made an appearance at Convocation in the fall. photo by Libby Bailey





Fellowship of Christian Athletes members enjoy creative games at their weekly meetings. photo by Sarah Dyar

Powerful ministry

Campus Ministries offers opportunities to get involved each week. There are small Bible study groups and also larger groups such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Campus Crusade for Christ. The Drama & Interpretive Movement team is a powerful student ministry. The team performs skits and songs with a purpose. The team performs on campus and all over the state using this creative form of art to get across God's message of love.

BY SARAH DYAR



David Driggers and Interpretive Movement team members perfect their talent with hours of practice. photo by Virginia Surovec

Josh Ray is the odd man out on a W.O.R.D. team game. The group plays a variety of games to get to know each other. photo provided

Sharing the Word

BY SARAH DYAR

Lighten Up was the theme for the CSU Campus Outreach retreat to Augusta, Ga. The weekend was structured to bring unity to the group so that they can work together to bring others to Christ. The group was urged to lighten up and let Christ be seen through them.

Weekend of Renewal & Discipleship (W.O.R.D.) teams offer another opportunity to take part in sharing God's word on campus and beyond. The W.O.R.D. team hits the road on weekends and travels to churches throughout the state to lead youth retreats.



Will McElmurray, Matt Foreman, Aaron Edinger and Justin Brewer spend a busy day at the Campus Outreach retreat. photo by April Six



While performing a skit, Will McElmurray thinks he is watching a scary movie. The audience was told he had just eaten at a Mexican restaurant and...well, you know! photo by April Six

The W.O.R.D. team spent a weekend in Olar working with a youth group. photo provided



The girls take a break from the morning Bible study at the Campus Outreach retreat. photo by April Six

Fun times

Brandy Ellison, Priscilla Johnson and Stacha Burgess enjoy the food and fun at the luau. photo by Ashley Padgett

Below left: Frankie's Fun Park provides hours of entertainment for student groups. photo by Virginia Surovec

Below right: Dominique Johnson goes for her last three pins at Midnight Bowling. photo by April Six



Michael Turner enjoys being king of the mountain as he climbs an inflatable. photo by Amy Ketner





Andrew Grasse and Michael Blankenship race in the inflatables. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman



New students and orientation teammembers enjoy the evening on the Charleston Harbor at the annual Harbor Cruise. photo by Amy Ketner



Jared Moore, Justin Brewer, D.T. House and Aaron Edinger take a break from mud sliding, photo by Amy Ketner



Cherie Evans and Sarah Lasher give Austin Alexander a free haircut, photo by Virginia Surovec





Matt Wright and Libby Bailey feed the ducks after lunch. photo by Virginia Surovec

Allan Stone catches a few zzz's between classes in Littlejohn Parlor. photo by Virginia Surovec



This is everyday life

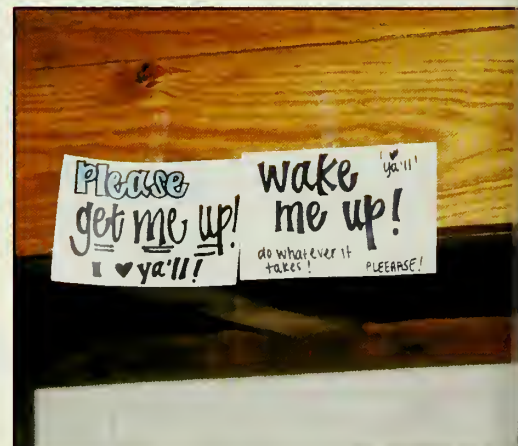
Ashley Terronez shows her favorite way to eat a cupcake. photo by Virginia Surovec

Naomi Gray works the merchandise table at the Sonic Flood concert in the Chapel. photo by Virginia Surovec



Below left: Braxton Duncan, Hanna Singleton and Claire Baker lead the freshman class in cheering at the football scrimmage game. photo by Amy Ketner

Below right: Everyone needs motivation in the mornings. Jennifer Whittaker leaves a note hoping to motivate her roommates to help her. photo by Virginia Surovec



The United Way's Day of Caring on Sept. 11, 2002, drew volunteers from CSU and hundreds of businesses and schools from the Charleston area. Bonnie Ceteras made a chihuahua mascot for her worksite at the Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity. photo by Sarah Dyar





Josh Schoppe, Elizabeth Burley, David Driggers, Tabbethia Perry and Kristen Carter go all out to support CSU. photo by Virginia Surovec

Showing their CSU pride at the Homecoming game are: Aaron Edinger, Eric Mergens, Adam Gamble, Lance Miles and Wes Stewart. photo by Virginia Surovec



Aaron Wyndham
relaxes by playing his
guitar in his free time.
photo by Virginia
Surovec

Student Government
Association members
sported SGA t-shirts
at campus functions.
photo by Virginia
Surovec





It's tacky day for Psi Delta Phi pledges as Laura Cox takes tacky to a new level. photo by Virginia Surovec

Below left: Kim Kennedy and Corey Humphries lead the CAF in wishing Charmaine Genest a happy birthday. photo by Virginia Surovec

Below right: Sitting lounge duty gives Claire Baker a chance to study. photo by Virginia Surovec



Since we can't paint the rooms, some students have taken to painting the windows. photo by Virginia Surovec



Exotic sights, fascinating people, places



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TAMARA RUZIC
YUGOSLAVIA

Want to travel to a foreign land? See exotic sights and meet fascinating people? Well, can't help you on the traveling part, but if you want the sights and people they can be found every year at Culturefest.

Culturefest gives the American students a chance to see the world in their own dining hall, and international students an opportunity to educate students about a world they probably wouldn't see otherwise.

Above left: Mladen Karanovic, Croatia; Tamar Ruzic, Yugoslavia, and Tina Boshnakova, Bulgaria, take some time to pose in front of their table. "The best part of Culturefest is the opportunity to show students the different cultures," said Ruzic. photo by Nancy Shealy

Above right: B.J. Roper explains the finer points of the African drums to students as part of the entertainment for Culturefest. photo by Nancy Shealy

Culturefest isn't just for students. Professor Anne Hawkes informs Eileen Hamilton and Louise O'Neal from development about Tasmania. photo by Nancy Shealy





B.J. Jones mans the French table at Culturefest, offering students an opportunity to see everything from plush Eiffel towers to children's books. photo by Nancy Shealy

Gul Demiray offers Shavon Gallman a piece of Turkish candy. Demiray won the award for Best Overall Display. photo by Nancy Shealy



Time alone with God is something we all need. The prayer room is a place to get away from life and allow God to speak.
photo by Virginia Surovec



Where are you going?

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you a hope and a future." This verse is one that many college students hold tightly to. One thing is for sure, when you go to college "you're not in Kansas anymore." Somehow that little change between going to high school and going to college makes one of the biggest differences in your life.

When first starting college you notice that going home for the weekend has this weird aura about it. You fit in, yet part of you doesn't anymore. But over the course of this college career, with some careers being longer than others, you begin to adjust and actually enjoy the new relationship you have with your family and friends back home.

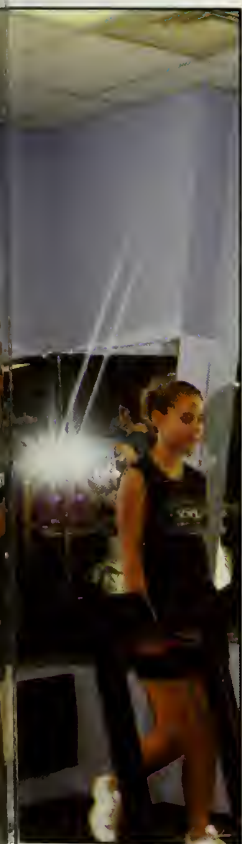
But soon those four years, or five or six, will fly by, and you will be left with the question: where do I go from here? For some of you grad school will be on the horizon, for others, the military, and for the majority of students: the workforce, maybe even a job in your degree. The fact of the matter is that it doesn't matter where you go. But wherever you are—be there, and make the most of it—life just might pass you by if you don't jump in and ride.

The Brewer Center is a great place to beat stress and calories. Head to the Brewer Center for a game of basketball or a walk on the treadmill. photo by Virginia Surovec





The pool is a great place to soak up the sun—just don't get splashed when the guys have cannonball contests! photo by Brooke Buenting



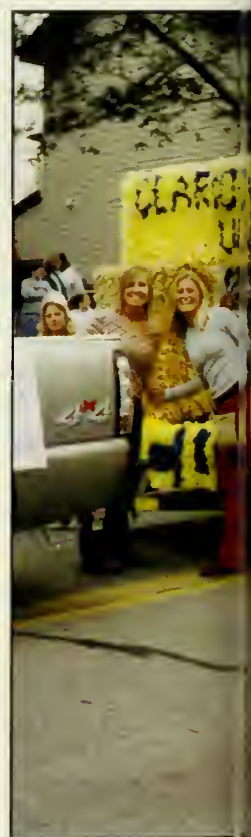
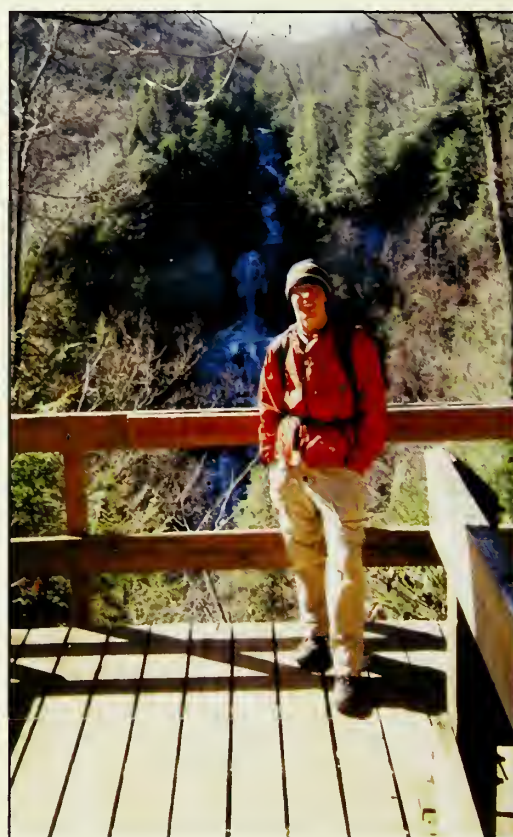
The renovations in the residence hall lounges have made hanging out there more popular. Corey Humphries takes a nap. photo by April Six

The ducks have become a part of CSU life. We feed them, we watch them, and we care when outsiders drive by and almost hit them! photo by Virginia Surovec



Road trips. A highlight of a college student's life. Kim Kennedy and Charmaine Genest head to western Pennsylvania, Kennedy's stomping grounds. photo provided

Kelly Graham goes camping with friends in Caesar's Head, S.C. Behind him is Raving Cliff Falls. photo provided





Music therapy students Ben Kehrer, Robin Matthews, Kali Tomazich, Kristen Murray, Anna Marie Tucker, Liz Magee, Sherah Stark and Catherine Compton attend a conference in Atlanta where they met with potential employers and learned more about music therapy. photo provided

Kelly Backert and Aaron Ellison visit the World Trade Center in Baltimore, Md. Maryland is Backert's home state. photo provided

Venturing out

One of the excitements of attending school is the opportunities to leave. Getting away is important because it allows your mind to be free from worries; it provides renewal for your soul; and it's just fun.

Whether it is a road trip to a friend's house, a conference held by an organization, or a rendezvous to the mountains, getting away is definitely an essential element to the college experience.

During Fall Break, Kim Kennedy and Charmaine Genest went to the world's Autumn Leaf Capital: Clarion, Pa. Kennedy and Genest pose with the Clarion University float during the annual parade. photo provided



Going beyond

For the more extreme types, just visiting another state will not do. Many students are looking far beyond the confines of Charleston.

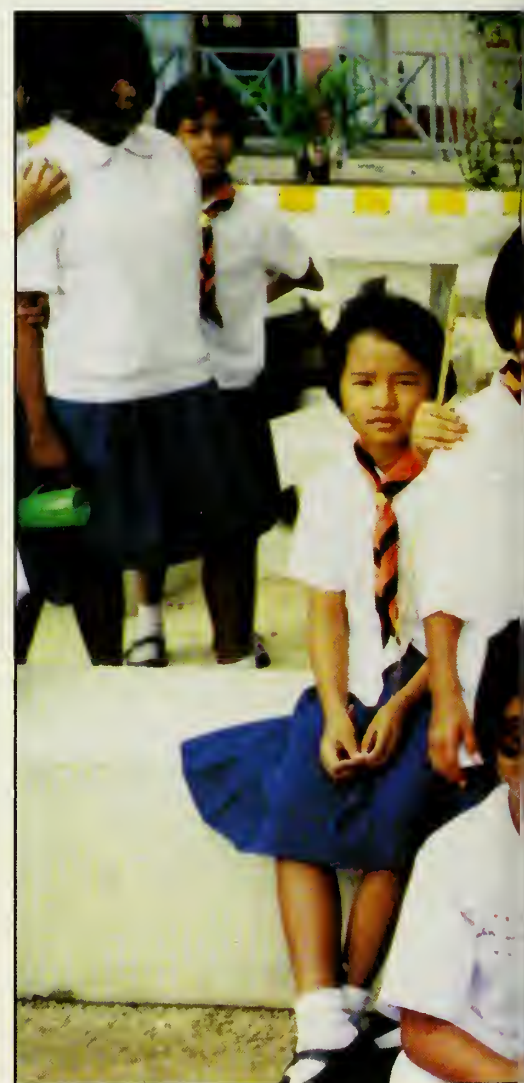
Each of these people have different goals in mind. For some, a getaway to another country is just for fun. Others have a more spiritual goal in mind.

Whatever their incentive, traveling to another land increases their cultural awareness and stimulates their senses.

BY BRANDI MICHELLE STOCKMAN



Above right: Lisa Surratt and Krista Thurston went with Seacoast Church to Nicaragua for an eight-day medical mission. The team saw 4,000 patients and distributed more than \$500,000 in medicine. photo provided



EVERY TIME I ENTERED
SOMEONE'S HOME, I
WOULD HAVE TO
REMEMBER TO REMOVE
MY SHOES IN THE
FOYER. THE WEIRDEST
THING WAS REMOVING
MY SHOES WHEN I
ENTERED CHURCH.
ASHLEY LEONARDS

Monique Hatton and her sister, Melissa, visit the coast in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Hatton's parents, missionaries to Brazil, are currently residing in Hollywood, Fla. photo provided





On Dawn Porter's third trip to Honduras, she interned with a local doctor at a clinic. She spoke only Spanish while in Honduras and took notice of how compassionate and friendly Hondurans are. photo provided

Ashley Leonards visits her former CSU roommate, Keiko Shiraishi, in Kobe, Japan. Leonards was surprised and fascinated by the cultural differences. photo provided



Kendall Brown is surrounded by Thai children at recess. Brown went to HAT-YAI, Thailand, with Kingdom Building Ministries. She taught English in elementary schools. photo provided

Kristen Murray works on her abs in the wellness center. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman



Tie-dyed t-shirts never go out of style. Driving your car off the sidewalk does, as Chad Albright experienced firsthand on move in day. photo by Amy Ketner

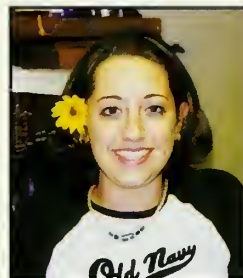
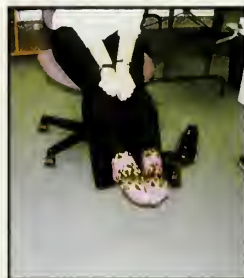


Namiah Williams knows that a classic fro never goes out of style. photo by Amy Ketner

Jody Forno sports his Nike athletic gear. photo by Amy Ketner



Got the look



It all started in the 80s with the hit song, "Let's Get Physical." Americans decided to get off the couch and hit the gym. Now, more than ever, comfortable work out gear is super stylish as well as trendy. And spending time pumping some iron is pretty cool.

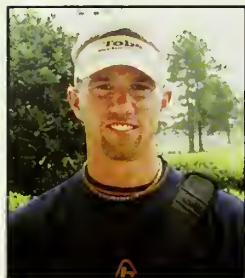
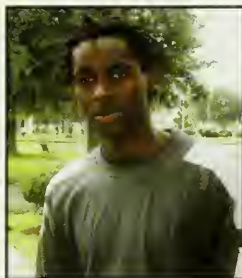
BY AMY KETNER

Left: Tareyah Utsey kicks back in her stylish jogging suit. photo by Amy Ketner

Above left: Move over boring white socks—crazy, flaming socks are in! photo by Amy Ketner

Above center: Ashley Shelley accessorizes with a gift from mother nature—flowers. photo by Amy Ketner

Above right: Slim-soled tennis shoes have replaced the old school thick soles. photo by Amy Ketner



Above left: Itayi Pondwa is rockin' with his braids. photo by Amy Ketner

Above center: Jordan Haar blocks the sunshine with a visor. photo by Virginia Surovec

Above right: Since we live near the beach, no closet is complete without a good selection of flip flops and sandals. photo by Sarah Dyar

Right: Dreds, tattoos, piercings and jelly bracelets add up to Jonathan Reynolds' style. photo by Cherie Evans





Elizabeth Baker stays on top of things on her way to class by carrying her cell phone. photo by Amy Ketner



Dawn Porter sports cute corn rows and a festive poncho. photo by Amy Ketner



Jewel Johnson knows that the jean jacket is the perfect accessory for any outfit. photo by Amy Ketner

Christina Davenport sports a professional but classy look. She tops off her black basics with a trendy khaki jacket. photo by Amy Ketner

Friendly competition

Nick McNamee waits
for his game to start
in intramural football.
photo by Virginia
Surovec



The intramural
football games are
highly competitive.
photo by Virginia
Surovec





Adam Barrett and Innocent Ashan play a game of basketball in the Brewer Center gym. photo by Virginia Surovec



Above left: J.T. Brooks kicks the ball out of scoring range as teammate Darren Shearer looks on. photo by Libby Bailey

Above right: Dave Ellis takes a much-needed break between soccer matches. photo by Libby Bailey



Deep concentration. Colin Snider looks for a teammate to pass the ball to. photo by Libby Bailey



Lindsay Hilliard plays Carlotta, the operatic diva from the "Phantom of the Opera" in the song "Prima Donna."

Amy Dixon tells Jesus, played by Matt Sims, of her desire to "see Thee more clearly" in "Godspell's" "Day by Day."





Top left: Matt Sims and D.J. Hedgepath play Andre and Firmin in "Prima Donna" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" at Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach.

Top center: The cast sings "Everything's Coming up Roses" and "There's no Business Like Show Business" for the opening number at the annual President's Dinner as part of the evening's entertainment.

Top right: The Phantom of the Opera, D.J. Hedgepath, commands Christine, Krista Thurstun, to sing for him from "The Phantom of the Opera."

Bottom left: What's a Jellicle Cat? The cast of Theatre Moderno knows the answer to that.

Bottom right: Sarah Gadol sings of her desire to be a lady's maid while the rest of the cast looks on. "Lady's Maid" is from the musical "Titanic," photos by Virginia Surovec

Feel the magic

It starts months before the actual event: the practices, the choreography, the picky little notes, the staging, the makeup, the costumes...

It's hiding under the lines of the songs, and it can just be heard in whispered conversations backstage.

It shows up when a scene is re-

hearsed, and stays through all the creative differences that were discussed and friendships that were forged under the stage lights.

It's in every flash of a camera, every gesture, every backstage hug and every last minute practice.

It's the magic of live theatre—and CSU's got it.



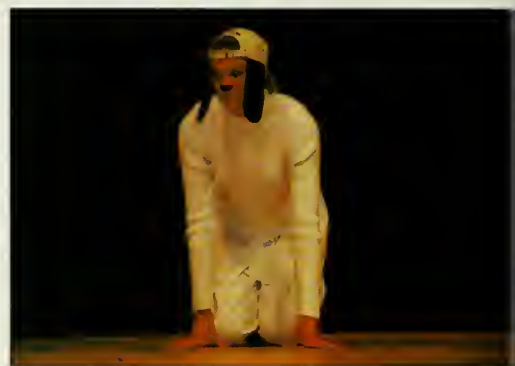
"Memory" is one of the most recognizable songs in the music world. Cindy Hanna took on the role of Grizabella the Glamour Cat for Theatre Moderno.

Just south of Broadway



Under the direction of Dr. Anthony Offerle, the opera/musical theatre group made its debut in the spring. Students sang their way through popular selections from Broadway hits such as "Oklahoma," "West Side Story," "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "The Mikado," and "South Pacific."

The group also made a tour of South Carolina high schools during Maymester. Broadway a la Carte proved to be such a great educational experience, that Offerle again offered musical theatre in the fall.



Above left: After performing at Socastee High School, the CSU musical theatre students discussed theatre and answered questions the high school students had. photo provided

Above right: Amy Dixon plays Snoopy in Broadway a la Carte's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." photo by Lenore Brown

D.J. Hedgepath paints a piece of the set in preparation for the show. Audiences rarely realize all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. photo by Nancy Shealy





Krista Thurston, Sara Taylor and Cindy Hanna perform in the musical number "The Mikado," a Gilbert & Sullivan operata, photo by Lenore Brown



Abi Dunwoody and David Driggers sing "All or Nothing" from the musical "Oklahoma." The group took this and other songs from Broadway a la Carte on the road during Maymester. photo by Lenore Brown

Making the Grade...

Study, study, study. The dread of the college experience. Our parents and teachers want us to do it more, so we can make something of ourselves. Our friends want us to do it less, so we can spend time with them, and we are caught in the middle of wants and needs pulling from each side.

However, after a few weeks of getting in the groove, most college students come to realize that college life is not only about studying, nor is it the sole academic process. Making good grades is only part of college. It is also about becoming part of your college community. Involvement in academic groups such as ROTC, Sigma Tau Delta, and Student Nurses Association can also be a wonderful part of your college years. The Academics section is dedicated to those students who, through searching for the best possible college experience, have become more than just a typical studying student.

Top: As a part of the Theatre Internship program, Brandi Michelle Stockman tightens up some bolts on a flat for the show "Steppin' Out," being performed at The Footlight Players, photo provided

Center: The Concert Singers, one of several musical ensembles, sing at the memorial service for Sept. 11, photo by Brooke Buenting

Bottom: The Air Force ROTC color guard honors the memory of the victims of Sept. 11 at the memorial service on campus, photo by Ashley Padgett





Amanda Brewer and Andy Nason take part in the spring play of the Theatre Production Workshop, one of the more fun academic courses. photo by Joe Easley



Air Force ROTC marches to the beat of the Marching Bucs in the Homecoming parade. photo by Virginia Surovec



One of the favorite venues for study groups is a residence hall lounge. photo by April Six

The Reflection Pond is a great place for relaxing, cramming, searching for meaning and reflective study. Colin Snider reviews his notes. photo by Cherie Evans



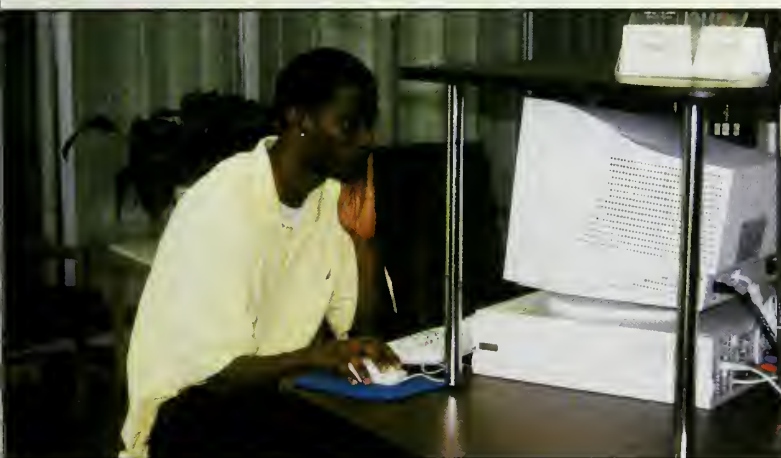
Study habits

Deadlines, papers, tests and endless hours of slaving over homework assignments. We all know that studying is essential to success in college. But the walls of a dorm room can close in pretty quickly.

In order to retain knowledge and sanity, most students get away from the cinder blocks and steer themselves to a place where coffee flows, noise is at a minimum and the pressures of school aren't so prevailing.

Barnes and Noble, the Reflection Pond, Books-A-Million, Wannamaker Park and the beach are just some of the spots frequently visited by students as study refuges.

BY BRANDI MICHELLE STOCKMAN



Top: A nice, quiet library cubicle can make life a lot easier. The library is virtually distraction free. photo by Virginia Surovec

Center: The library provides computers with Internet access. Most buildings on campus are now wireless accessible. photo by April Six

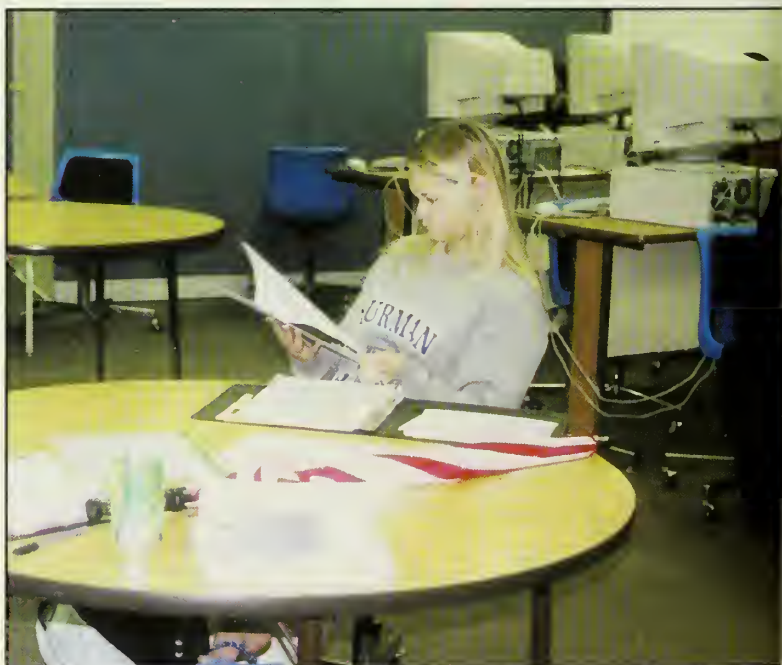
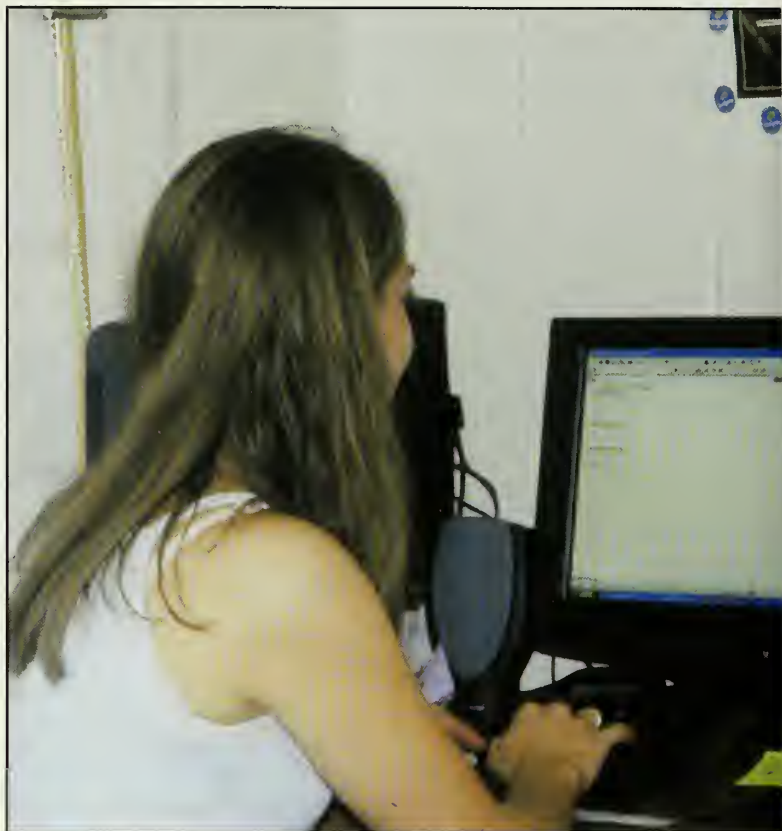
Bottom: Kevin Lott opts to study off campus at a popular CSU hangout: Barnes & Noble. With a good cup of coffee, who could go wrong? photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman

Technology & learning

Top: Stephanie Keast begins some research on her computer. photo by Brooke Buenting

Center: Jo Beth Banas puts in a late night working on a paper. photo by Brooke Buenting

Bottom: Jennifer Whittaker works on an assignment in the computer lab. photo by Brooke Buenting





Power Point presentations were effective visual aids in the Psychology of Religious Experience class. photo by April Six

Alicia Westmoreland uses her keyboard to practice for music class. Students with keyboards don't have to wait for a practice room. photo by April Six



At the scholarship luncheon for students to meet their donors, Laura Varney meets Steve and Diane Hill and thanks them for their financial support. photo by Jan Joslin

Julie Brown, Kevin Lott, Derek Brown, Joy O'Bidike, Amber Lott and President Jairy Hunter traveled to the capital for S.C. Independent College & University Day. They met with House Representative Alex Harvin, second from left, a CSU alum. photo by Ashley Padgett





Community support

Top: Kimberly Moses writes to the S.C. legislature thanking the legislators for S.C. Tuition Grant money and asking for support in continuing the program. photo by Ashley Padgett

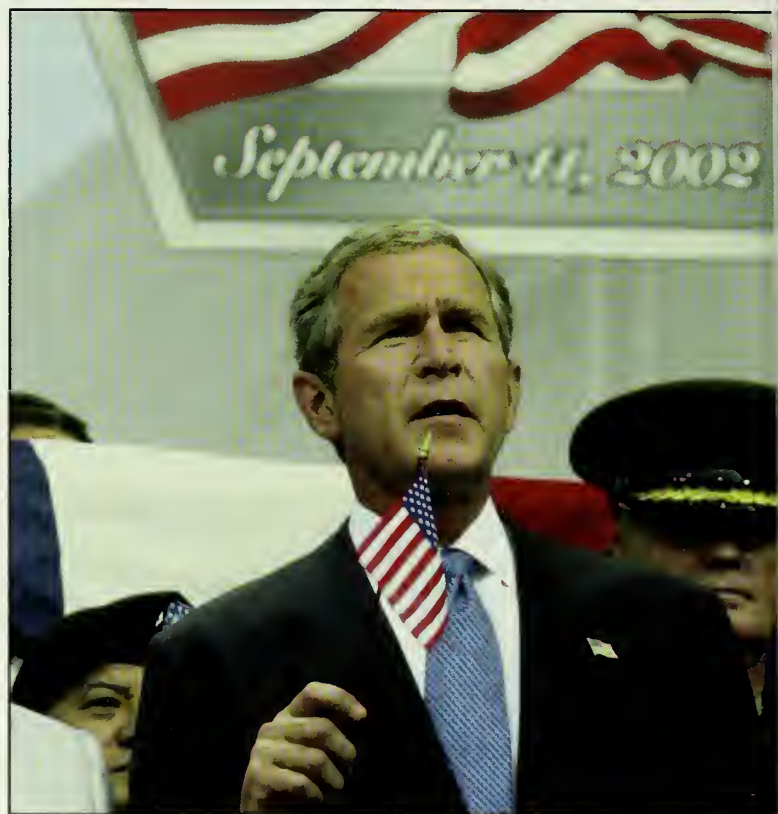


Center: John Brooks, Elizabeth Mahaffey, Caleb Taylor, Jennifer Waddell, Greg Stevenson, David Peckman, Justin Burke, Denise Young, Aarian DeJew, Tabitha Mack, and Jessica Mellerson, recipients of the Whitfield Scholarship, meet Shirley and Floyd Whitfield at the annual scholarship luncheon. photo by Ashley Padgett



Bottom: Students went to Hilton Head in January to learn personal strengths and leadership abilities. The President's Leadership Initiative was sponsored by the S.C. Baptist Convention. photo provided

In the news

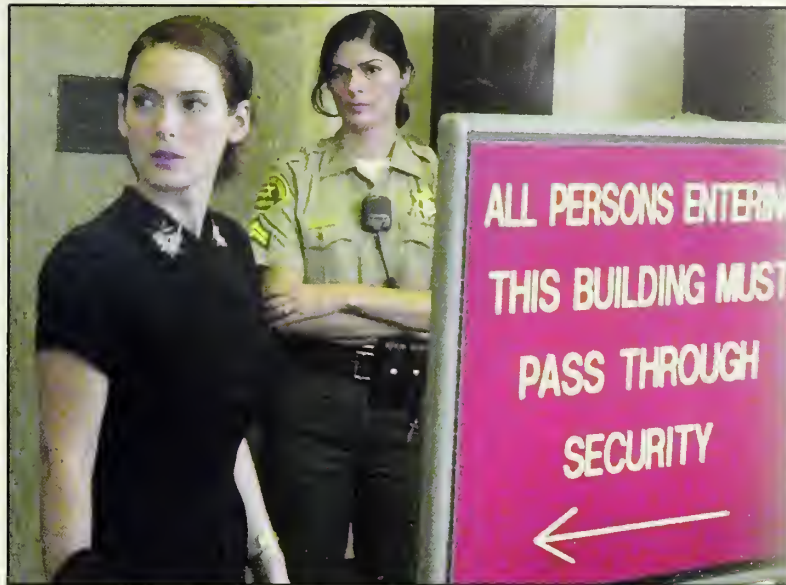


(AP Worldwide Photo) President Bush holds an American flag during ceremonies marking the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, at the Pentagon in Washington, Sept. 11, 2002.



(AP Worldwide Photo) Late afternoon sun falls over The World Trade Center site and the World Financial Center with the New Jersey skyline in the background, the day before the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks that destroyed the twin towers and surrounding buildings, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, in New York.

September



(AP Worldwide Photo) Actress Winona Ryder is seen through a tinted glass as she arrives for open arguments at the Beverly Hills court in Beverly Hills, Calif., Oct. 28, 2002.



(AP Worldwide Photos) Anaheim Angels from left: Scott Spiezio, Bengie Molina, Troy Percival and Troy Glaus react after the Angels won the World Series in Anaheim, Calif., Oct. 27, 2002.

October

In the news



(AP Worldwide Photo) Iraqi workers unload equipment from a U.N. plane carrying the 17 inspectors to Saddam International Airport in Baghdad, Iraq, Nov. 25, 2002. U.N. weapon inspectors arrived in Iraq for the first time in four years.



(AP Worldwide Photo) Actress Halle Berry and actor Pierce Brosnan arrive for the world premier of the new James Bond film "Die Another Day" which was attended by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, at the Royal Albert Hall in central London, Nov. 18, 2002.

November



(AP Worldwide Photo) Cpl. Sidney Latorry of Warner Robins, Ga., left, and Corp. Nikki Podromos of Atlanta, Ga., decorate a Christmas tree inside the media room of the U.S. Army Public Affairs office Dec. 13, 2002, at the air base in Bagram, Afghanistan.



(AP Worldwide Photo) First Lady Laura Bush and Iran Brown, right, participate in the holiday program at Children's National Medical Center Dec. 12, 2002, in Washington. Brown is the 13-year-old victim who was critically wounded in the Washington area sniper attacks.

December



Tamaran Benjamin reacts in surprise as she is crowned Homecoming Queen 2002. photo by Virginia Surovec

I WAS SURPRISED
THAT MY PEERS
THOUGHT I WAS
WORTHY OF
CARRYING THE
TITLE. TAMARAN
BENJAMIN

2002 Homecoming Court: Joy OBidike, Tamaran Benjamin, Lynn Stafford, Homecoming Queen 2001, Meredith Jones and Julie Brown.





Buc wild!

In the race for Homecoming Queen, Tamaran Benjamin was crowned. "I was shocked," she said. "I was surprised that my peers thought I was worthy of carrying the title of Homecoming Queen." First runner-up was Meredith Jones; second runner-up was Joy OBidike, and third runner-up was Julie Brown.

Crowds lined the street for the annual parade. Psi Chi took home an honorable mention for their "Light of the World" float. Most Creative float was a tie between Baptist Collegiate Ministries and Campus Activities Board. Most Spirited float was awarded to Alpha Nu Omega, and the Student Success Center won Best Overall float.

BY KELLI HOUSE



Meredith Jones and Julie Brown congratulate each other after halftime.

The Spanish club shows their spirit at the parade. photo by Virginia Surovec

Above middle: The Homecoming Court and their escorts pose for an official picture.

Thompson crowned Miss CSU

Tribal dancers and performances by the contestants got the 2003 Miss CSU pageant off to an energetic start.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the new Miss CSU. Tarrah Thompson captured the honor of representing CSU this year and at the Miss South Carolina pageant in July.

First runner-up was Angela Walker; second runner-up was Barbara Jones, and third runner-up was Allison Troup. Hannah Singleton was named Miss Congeniality; Angela Walker won the talent and interview portions of the pageant, and Barbara Jones won the swimsuit contest.

Top: Lynn Stafford crowns Tarrah Thompson 2003 Miss CSU. photo by Virginia Surovec

Middle: The newly crowned queen is surrounded by former Miss CSUs as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Miss CSU pageant. photo by Virginia Surovec

Below: Lynn Stafford, Miss CSU 2002, makes a dramatic entrance for her farewell walk. photo by Virginia Surovec





Miss CSU 2003 winners: Allison Troup; third runner-up; Barbara Jones, second runner-up, Miss CSU Tarrah Thompson, and first runner-up Angela Walker. photo by Virginia Surovec

Tribal dancers perform the opening number for the pageant. photo by Virginia Surovec

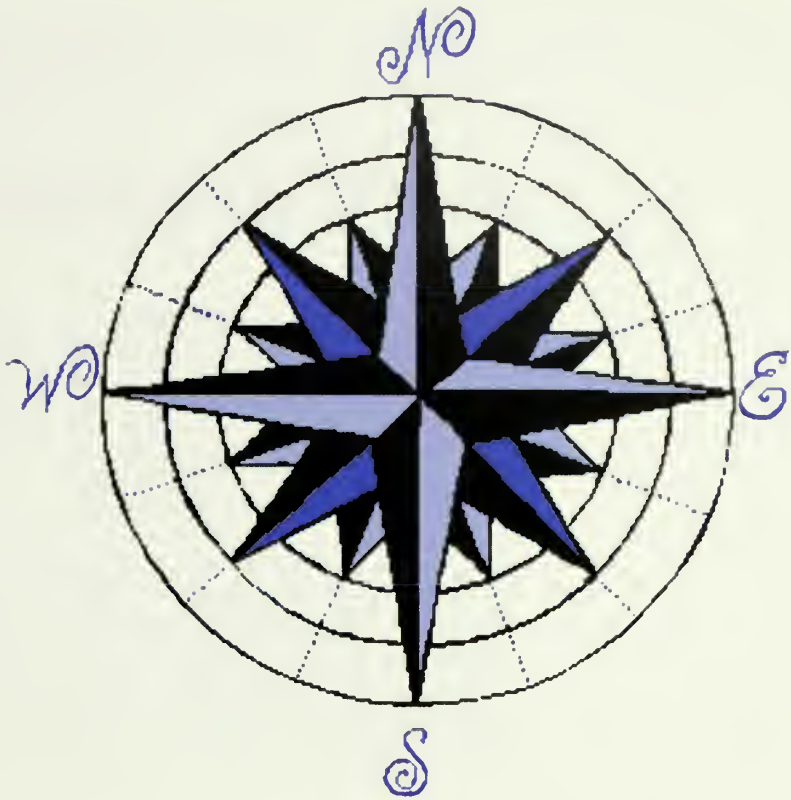
Clubs and organizations contributed man hours at Wannamaker County Park as part of the United Way's Sept. 11 Day of Caring.



In search of connections

College is the perfect place to meet people from all walks of life. Because every individual is on a different journey, it is always intriguing to meet others and learn about their walks. Organizations allow students to get involved, get plugged in and have a voice while making connections that will last a lifetime.

BY AMY KETNER



The dance team is one of the newest organizations on campus. photo by Step Tokic

New groups debut on campus

KAPPA KAPPA PSI

Front row: Elizabeth Magee, Brian Carnes, Jeanette Crisp, historian: Sky Harris, secretary, Homecoming rep.; Mandy Sexton, Kevin Lakin, Back row: Roger E. Simpson Jr., president; Walter Browning, Arthur Wright, James Duncan, Michael Pisacreta, treasurer. Not pictured: Preston Smelt, vice president; Thomas Willyerd, photo by Mary Harris



SOUTHERN STARS

Front row: April Six, Alicia Mann, Katie Nicholson, Jennifer Cleary, Meredith Lowder, Princess Porter, Kim Blevins, Back row: Tiffany Starns, Nikkia Robinson, Karin Thompson, Nicole Enriquez, Melinda Campbell, Jennifer Harvey. Not pictured: Angela Walker, Heather Sullivan



Tiffany Starns and the Southern Stars perform at the first basketball game of the season. photo by Step Tokic

FUTURE TEACHERS SOCIETY

Front row: Bonnie Ceteras, Stephanie Lock, Nicole Nunn, Jessica Hodges, Row 2: Josette Fullwood, Priscilla Johnson, Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, adviser; Saskia Hamlin, Theresa Varner, Jenn Polin, Christy Murdaugh, Emily Bolding, Angela Killian, Back row: Sharon Pace, Sis Kinney, Karin Thompson, Denise Lallier, Catherine Carnevale, Rosemary Jones, Wanda Kitchens, photo by April Six



TEACHING FELLOWS

Left to right, bottom to top: Laura Cox, Ashley Brandon, Lindsay Bradley, Kristen Fraylick, Kala Whetstone, Wynde Miles, Lynette Lindsay, Jessica Hodges, Carrie Campbell, Cassie Wates, Nicole Nunn, Kelly Harris, Emily Sutton, Jessica Jones, Anna Braxton Duncan, Priscilla Johnson, Kelli Richardson, Christine Ackerman, Jason Ashley, Emily Bolding, Tammy Lawson, Amanda Chambers, Angela Killian, Ryan Ashley, Jessica Keisler, Connie Coyle, adviser.



The Southern Stars dance team makes its debut on the football field.

Learning and service combine

SPANISH CLUB

Khris Puebla, Anna Miller, Dr. Pamela Peek, adviser; Rachael Kenworthy, vice president; Cheryl Richardson, Kate Hayden, president; Adrienne Brown, Wanda Brown, Ashlee Foster, Eboni Littlejohn, Charmaine Genest, Abbey Kay, Joy O'Bidike, Janice Eadie, Professor Cross, Miranda Ammerman, Ricky Reyes.



Sigma Tau Delta, international English honor society, inducts new members at the spring induction ceremony. photo by Nancy Shealy



SIGMA TAU DELTA

From top: Jeremy Zender, Helen Ham, Dr. Nancy Barendese, Dr. Carol Drowota, Nancy Shealy, Sarah Gardner, Ashley McGrady, Not pictured: Darryl Woods, Tarrah Thompson, Debra Summers, Kimberly Browning, Kelly Durand, Cindy Hanna, Kim Freeman. photo by Virginia Surovec

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Front row: Mary O'Brien, Joy O'Bidike, Marian Nedelchev, Row 2: Tam Odom, Keisha Simmons, Sirena White, Meg Barton, Abbey Kay, Shavon Gilliard, Sarah Hough, Karletta Anderson, Robert Hall, Row 3: Michael Weiss, Martin Avery, Amber Attridge, Angel Fleming, Peaches Gantt, Brandon Everett, Back row: Amber Huser, Laura Varney, Justin McKeown, Ashley Jackson, Corey Humphries, Thomas White, Josh Williams, Leslie Jones, Priscilla Johnson, Barbara Jones, Josh Carter, Lance Miles, Lance Taylor



SGA OFFICERS

Marian Nedelchev, secretary/treasurer; Joy O'Bidike, president; Mary O'Brien, vice president



Freshman senator Barbara Jones threatens to take a bite out of the cake at the SGA's Christmas party. photo by Cherie Evans

Organizations build unity



ALPHA KAPPA

ALPHA

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha service sorority participate in the Alzheimer's Walk as one of their service projects. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman



PSI DELTA PHI

Psi Delta Phi Christian service sorority members yell to the crowd during the annual Homecoming parade. photo by Virginia Surovec

MUSIC THERAPY

Merriam Barrett, Catherine Compton, Amy Dixon, Meredith Fadden, Aileen Fernandez, Kate Fleming, Rebecca Hamilton, Ben Kehrer, Mandy Koss, Liz Magee, Robin Matthews, Mishonna McCottry, Jillian Mehler, Kristen Murray, Emily Richardson, Stacey Sickman, Sherah Stark, Kali Tomazich, Anna Marie Tucker, Sarah Whipple. photo by Libby Bailey



SIGMA BETA DELTA

Sigma Beta Delta honor society holds spring induction ceremonies.



FRENCH CLUB

Cara Davenport, secretary; Hilda Ashan, Amy Corbett, Dr. Lisette Luton, adviser; Donna Bridges, president, Adrian Dejeu



Growing through service

Psi Chi

Front row: Angel Muehlenkamp, Shelly Reece, secretary; Nyki Bailey. Row 2: Jennifer Kessner, vice president; Melissa Rhoton, photographer; Back row: Liz Mahaffey, historian; Amy Roach, Allison Brewer, Kala Jakobsen, publicity chair; Tabbethia Perry, Dr. Christina Sinisi, adviser; Not pictured: Kelly Astle, president; Amy Tunney, treasurer. photo by Kellie House



Psi Chi club members participate in numerous service projects throughout the year to aid and assist the community. photo provided



French Club members make and sample French food at one of their meetings.

AFRICAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

Front row: Tawanda Wright, Mishonna McCottry, Michelle Egbuniwe, Syrena White.
Row 2: Alethia Hill, Chrishonda Gaither, Angel Fleming, Ramona Barnes, Back row: Thomas White, Shavon Gilliard, Kenya Rainy, Jennifer Gren, Leslie Jones, Sara Tucker, Maurice Carlisle



FEMALE RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Front row: Joanna Prokop, Naomi Gray, Kathryn Moody, Heather Merwin, Rachael Kenworthy, Row 2: Sarah Gardner, Braxton Duncan, Veronica Palmer, Grace Wells, Amber Attridge, Back row: Tamaran Benjamin, Andrea Walker, Michelle Egbuniwe, Angel Fleming, photo by Virginia Surovec



MALE RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

Front row: Eddie Becker, Corey Humphries, Jamie Brandon, John Wilson, Row 2: Dwayne Boulden, Jamie McAlhany, Josh Williams, Andy Nason, Sam Crowe, Back row: Jarrod Moore, Stevie Hayes, photo by Virginia Surovec



Spreading God's Love

ONE ACCORD GOSPEL CHOIR

Cassandra Allen, Karletta Anderson, Jacquelyn Bailey, La'Toya Baker, Ramona Barnes, April Bess, Eljenette Blocker, Deshia Bowman, Tremayne Bowman, Linesha Boyce, Nathan Breland, Loris Brooker, Javona Brown, Renita Brown, Brooke Buenting, Amanda Butler, Gloria Cabarroguis, Maurice Carlisle, Kenya Carter, Allyson Clark, Brandon Clark, Stmekia Clinkscales, Cyntonia Doxie, Michelle Egbuniwe, Victoria Elliott, Harrington Ford, Jessica Foster, Thiopia Frazier, Shavon Gallman, Sar'Taj Garvin, Nathan Germelan, Shaquana Grant, Jennifer Green, Kyilea Griffin, James Hammond, Dion Hargrave, Regina Holliday, Derrick Hughes, Ashley Jackson, Audrey Jackson, Katrina Jackson, M. James, Priscilla Johnson, Lacoya Jones, Tameka Jones, Johari Jordan, Demorris Kelly, Tiffany King, Rene Massey, Mishonna McCottry, Kristin Moore, Lamar Moorehead, Yolanda Owens, Colleen Payne, Tamara Pinckney, Sheron Reeves, Angela Robinson, Darryl Sanders, Jessica Scott, Denise Shaw, Crystal Simon, Latoya Smith, Kristin Smokes, Brandy Sullivan, Vaughn Spain, Erica Speller, Sonya Taylor, Tierra Thompson, LuVenia White, Latosha White, Debra Willis, Thomas Wilson, Torree Wilson, A. Noelle Winn, Britanie Witherspoon, Arthur Wright, Travis Wright. photo by Virginia Surovec



The One Accord Gospel Choir marched and sang in the annual Homecoming parade. photo by Libby Bailey



Sheena Spring, Ashley Ewell and Kristin Bocchine of the Residence Life Council man the game booth at Homecoming. photo by Nancy Shealy

CREATIVE MINISTRIES, CHURCH RELATED VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS, SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

CREATIVE MINISTRIES

Joseph Roberson, Laura White, Alex Turner,
David Driggers, Josh Schoppe, Tab Perry,
Nathan Falco, Claire Baker, Lindsey Bradley,
Jen Lambright, photo by Libby Bailey



CHURCH RELATED VOCATIONAL SCHOLARS

Front row: Amanda Brewer, Justin Jordan,
Ryan Peduzzi, Row 2: Karen Creel, Liz
Mahaffey, Heather Merwin, Melissa Stanley,
Christina Davenport, Hannah Crowson, Clark
Carter, Row 3: Jenny Dowdy, Jeremy
Simmons, William Jacques, Peter Copeland,
Brandon Branham, Rick Barnett, Back row:
Matt Kuhn, Stevie Hayes, Caleb Yaryan, Kevin
Lott, Cole Varner, Joel Lopez, photo by Amy
Ketner



SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Front row: Julie Brown, Peter Copeland, Aimee
Liley, Row 2: Laura White, Eddie Becker, Tab
Perry, Amy Ketner, Lindsey Bradley, Jenny
Dowdy, Back row: Alex Turner, Nathan Falco,
David Kuznik, Josh Schoppe, Trey Ingram,
David Driggers, photo provided



Serving country, community

W.O.R.D. TEAM

Front row: Dominique Burgunder, Amber Myers, Megan Burt, Lindsay Stone, Row 2: Katie Geddings, Leatha Price, Matt Koury, Joshua Ray, Kristen Fraylick, Emily Sutton, Courtney Catoe, Kristin Bocchine, Back row: Fred Connor, Colin Snider, Taren Hazelrigg, David Kuznik, Caleb Taylor, Trey Ingram, Not pictured: Tyler Seay, Peter Copeland.



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Front row: Tam Odom, Ryan Peduzzi, Adrienne Baker, Meg Barton, Brandie Bolduc, Row 2: Amanda Brewer, Jerrie Ann McIntyre, Alethea Hill, Jenny Vinesett, Corin Blake, Erica Speller, Jennifer Davis, Back row: Leslie Jones, Peter Copeland, Angela Killian, Justin McKeown, Holly Mangum, Chloe Payne, Jenny Harris, Jeanette McCant.



CAMPUS AMBASSADORS

Cion Strickland, Kathryn Mixon, Jackie Mixon, Kendall Brown, Bethany Porter, Martin Avery, Ishmael Pessoa, Kevin Lott, Derek Brown, Corey Humphries. photo by Darren Shearer



ROTC

Front row: John Brooks, Keisha Roberts, Anthony King, Lori Haas, Brian Wear, Brian Tuzzolino, Bethany Porter, Row 2: Samuel Mink, Tygina Bibbs, Steven Steenberg, Asia Rush, Natasha Jenkins, Clara Santiago, Row 3: William Bellerdine, Marc Deck, Steven Keenan, Jeremy Arel, Gerald Kemp, Row 4: John Wydro, Jeff Schimizze, Brian Lightsey, Christopher Young, Matthew Hudson, Row 5: Arley Marx, Alicia LePiors, Edgar Aquino, Travis Kornahrens, Cory Demery, Row 6: Darren Shearer, Donyal Brooks, Benjamin Street, Chad Atkinson, Robert Kiser, Back Row: Lt. Col. Jeff Lineberger, TSgt. Admiral Lee, Ronnie Evans Jr., Jerry Owens, James Perry, Capt. Dennis Nuttall, photo by Virginia Surovec



Cadets participate in a team building exercise at the ropes course at James Island County Park. photo provided



Honor Guard members Cadets Gerald Kemp, Keisha Roberts and Jeremy Arel secure the flag for presentation at the Veteran's Day Retreat Ceremony, photo provided

Forming lifelong bonds

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

Front row: Craig Roberson, Lance Taylor, Vaughn Spain, Back row: Micah Griggs, A.J. Wright. photo provided



Craig Roberson and A.J. Wright represent the Kappas in a fraternity/sorority step contest. photo by Amy Ketner



ROTC cadets march in the Veteran's Day parade in downtown Charleston. photo provided



ALPHA NU OMEGA

Front row: Merc Lucas, Amy Duncan, Aimee Bliley, Julia Mitchum, Meredith Jones, Melanie Mincey, Stacie Crump, Row 2: Virginia Surovec, Sherrie Graham, Back row: Vera Kling and Cindy Austin, advisers.



ALPHA CHI

From right, Front row: Jennifer Thompson, Catherine Compton, Radostina Boshnakova, Linda L. Stoddard, Kristyn Schebil, Cassandra Allen, Summer A. Yeomans, Stephanie Helm, Row 2: Tina Ferguson, Julia Wright, Sarah Vaughn, Mary O'Brien, Heather Walbring, Kathy Weishuhn, Gayle Swart, Kelly Astle, Summer E.H. Yeomans, Gayle Saxon, Jennifer Causey, Back row: Helen Ham, Jennifer Fox, Lacy Gomez, Hollie Bates, Crystal Beasley, Lisa Blunt, Marty Groover, Nick Breuer.

Expanding cultural horizons

Phi Beta Sigma brothers participate in the step contest for the fraternities and sororities. photo by Amy Ketner



STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

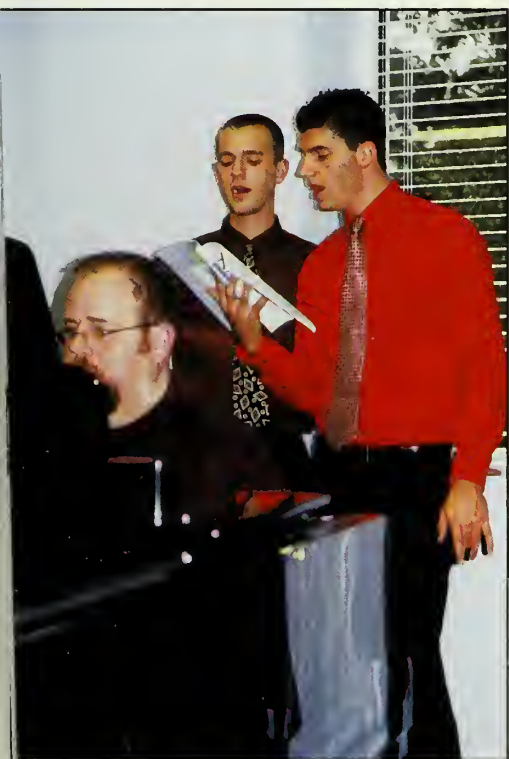
Front row: Cherie Evans, Step Tokic, April Six, Kelli House, Back row: Brandi Michelle Stockman, Libby Bailey, Buc In Print editor; Nancy Shealy, Sarah Dyar, Amy Ketner, Buc In Print editor; Jan Joslin, adviser; Virginia Surovec, Brooke Buenting.



New Vision practices several afternoons a week to prepare for their busy concert schedule.

NEW VISION

Sopranos: Libby Bailey, Kate Balderson, Dorothy Thurman; Altos: Alena Chapman, Ave Davis, Kristin Murray; Tenors: Shaun Burn, Josh Walden, Jared Winters; Baritone/Bass: Justin Baker, Jonathan Lane, Matt Wright; Bass Guitar: Marian Nedelchev; Drums: P.J. Mullsteff; Sound: Lane Ewert; Director: Jim Duvall



Director Jim Duvall accompanies Matt Wright and Jonathan Lane during a New Vision practice.



SINGING BUCCANEERS

Joseph Bright, Kevin Brown, Justin Cope, David Driggers, Daniel Grass, Dion Hargrave, Ben Kehrer, Bret McIver, Steven Murray, Jonathan Reynolds, Ryan Rice, Michael Turner, Dru Sepulveda, Josh Waldon, Michael Weiss, Aaron Wyndham; Director: Dr. Tony Offerle

Communicating through song

MARCHING BUCCANEERS

Flute: Kali Tomazich, Amanda Duty, Tammy Lawson, Lauren Robertson, Jennifer Saulters, Aileen Fernandez, Piccolo: Oboe: Stephanie Keast, Stephen Hamilton, Jillian Mehler; Bassoon: Keira Grover, Jeanette Crisp; Clarinet: Sara Mixson, Jessie Wetherby, Jessica Lacy, E-flat clarinet: Merriam Barrett, Jennifer Green; Alto Saxophone: Leigh Underhill, Matt Carnes; Tenor Saxophone: Kira Hill, Austin Carnell; Trumpet: Mandy Sexton, Brian Carnes, Lamar Moorehead, Anselm Dyer, James Whitesides; Horn: Rebecca Hamilton, Thomas Willyerd, Lisa Stone, Sky Harris, Nolan Black; Trombone: Walter Browning, Josh Browning, Jameson Ogg, Brett McIver, Sagan Harris, Michael Pisacreta, Bass; Euphonium: James Lloyd, Cedric Solice; Tuba: Kevin Lakin, Roger Simpson, Kevin Brown; Percussion: James Duncan, A.J. Wright, Ivan Edwards, Jeremy Nuckolls, Elizabeth Magee, Ryan Ashley; Director: Sid Haton. photo by Cherie Evans



The Marching Bucs play in the stands throughout football games. photo by Amy Ketner



The tuba line practices in the gymnasium. photo by April Six

FLUTE ENSEMBLE

Members of the flute ensemble play during a Sunday Concert Series performance. photo by Cherie Evans



CHAMBER WINDS

Chamber Winds
Flute: Kali Tomazich, Amanda Duty, Tammy Lawson, Lauren Robertson, Jennifer Saulters, Aileen Fernandez, Piccolo; Oboe: Stephanie Keast, Stephen Hamilton, Jillian Mehler; Bassoon: Keira Grover, Jeanette Crisp; Clarinet: Sara Mixson, Jessie Wetherby, Jessica Lacy, E-flat clarinet: Merriam Barrett, Jennifer Green; Alto Saxophone: Leigh Underhill, Matt Carnes; Tenor Saxophone: Kira Hill, Austin Carnell; Trumpet: Mandy Sexton, Brian Carnes, Lamar Moorehead, Anselm Dyer, James Whitesides; Horn: Rebecca Hamilton, Thomas Willyerd, Lisa Stone, Sky Harris, Nolan Black; Trombone: Walter Browning, Josh Browning, Jameson Ogg, Brett McIver, Sagan Harris, Michael Pisacreta, Bass: Euphonium: James Lloyd, Cedric Solice; Tuba: Kevin Lakin, Roger Simpson, Kevin Brown; Percussion: James Duncan, A.J. Wright, Ivan Edwards, Jeremy Nuckolls, Elizabeth Magee, Ryan Ashley; Director: Sid Haton, photo by Cherie Evans



BEL CANTO

Faith Bafford, Kate Balderson, Kristen Bocchine, Megan Burt, Rachel Dowling, Elizabeth Drumheller, Jessica Duby, Kate Fleming, Denise Gerner, Rebecca Hamilton, Sky Harris, Lindsay Hilliard, Stephanie Hood, Mandy Koss, Rene Massey, Robin Matthews, Mishonna McCottry, Leah Moody, Meagan Moore, Jaqueline Owens, Tierra Thompson, Emily Richardson, Irene Smith, Lisa Stone, Dion Strickland, Alicia Westmoreland, Caroline Vham, Sarah Whipple; Conductor: Dr. Valerie Bullock, Accompanist: Jacqueline Jones.



Experiences broaden horizons

TRI BETA

Front row: Sagar Chuahan, Andrea Walker, Crystal Campbell, Amanda Elmore. Back row: Jessica Scoggins, Dr. Melinda Walker, adviser: Ktistin Moore, Jennifer Fox, Cheryl Reed, Andres Ayuso, Heather Radomski, Dr. Jim Barrier, adviser: Greg Coe, Kim Bussinah. photo by Cherie Evans



CONCERT SINGERS

Justin Baker, Chandra Bartels, Vanessa Birch, Melinda Campbell, Catherine Compton, Justin Cope, Amy Dixon, Rachel Dowling, David Driggers, Abigail Dunwoody, Kate Fleming, Josh Gragg, Cindy Hanna, Sky Harris, Billy Jones, Mandy Koss, Robin Matthews, Mishonna McCottry, Steven Murray, Enoch Polk, Rachael Polk, Ryan Rice, Emily Richardson, Dru Sepulveda, Matt Sims, Sherah Stark, Sarah Taylor, Tierra Thompson, Krista Thurston, Michael Turner, Joshua Walden, Angela Walker, Michael Weiss, Caroline Wham, Dr. Valerie Bullock, conductor; Karen Jones, accompanist, photo provided. The Concert Singers performed with Kenny Rogers in December.



Psi Delta Phi sorority members celebrate at their annual Christmas party. photo provided

Joining hearts and minds

HONORS STUDENTS

Front row: Kristin Bocchine, Jona Maloney, Jennifer Tucker, Brittany Blackburn, Rachel Watson, Braxton Duncan, Heather Radomski, Lindsey Swartzbaugh, April Six, Back row: David Peckman, David Kuznick, Adam Berley, Hal Kramer, David Driggers, Faith Bafford, Jeff Little, photo by Nancy Shealy



Spanish club representatives gather before the annual Homecoming parade begins. photo by Kate Hayden

Ricky Reyes, Eddie Becker and Brad Bates lead a Campus Crusade meeting. photo by Virginia Surovec



Eric Mergens, Ryan Ashley, Naomi Gray and Nick Ballenger lead praise and worship for Campus Crusade for Christ. photo by Cherie Evans



The band Silers Bald was a featured group at halftime in January. photo by Cherie Evans

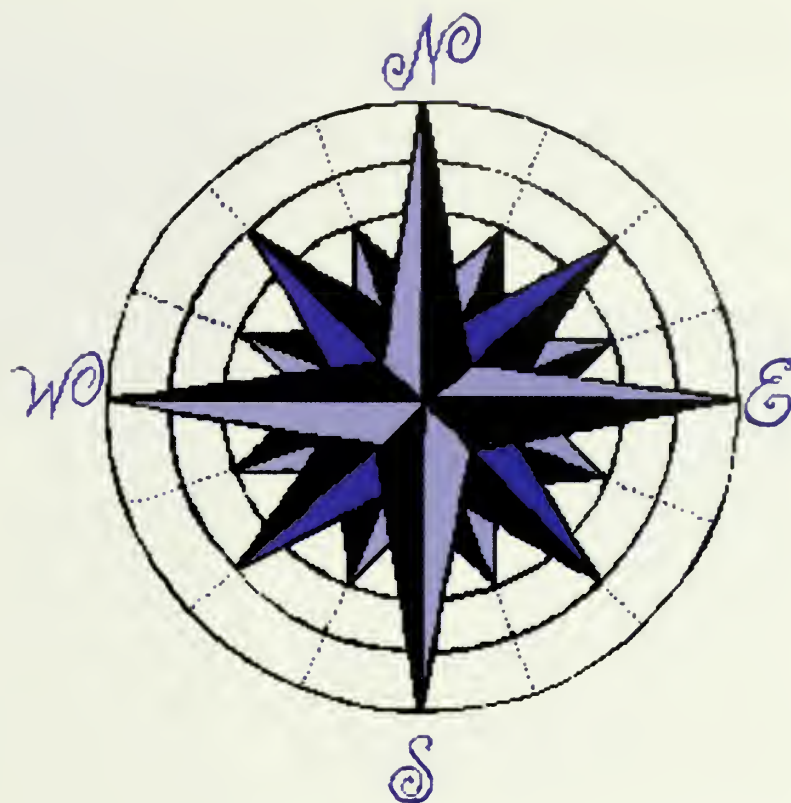


Michael Chuma heads for the ball to drive it downfield. photo by Virginia Surovec



In search of the game

It's nearing the end of the fourth quarter. Every fan is silent with anticipation. What will the outcome be? There is no feeling quite like being part of a team. Athletics unifies individuals, bringing unique talents together to form one team. Whether the outcome is on the win or loss side, playing the game as a team makes everyone a winner.



BY AMY KETNER

Sports 81



Student trainers, a vital part of the total athletic program, work on the sidelines of the game against The Citadel. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman

Bucs step up to bat

The Bucs got off to a slow start, but they turned the season around in the second half. The players made a lot of improvement and really came together for the end of the season.

The upperclassmen hitters stepped up, and young pitchers only got better with the early season experience. The Bucs completed their season with a 25-34 record and finished third in the Big South Conference with a 12-9 record.

Pitcher Robert Swindle was the Big South Rookie of the Year, while centerfielder Jordan Haar and hitter Adrian Vanderburg were selected to the Big South All-Conference team.

BY STEP TOKIC

David Martindale guards the bases against Gardner-Webb. photo by Libby Bailey



Ryan Miscik prepares to throw to first after scooping up a ground ball. photo by Libby Bailey



Brandon Massey bunts against the University of South Carolina. photo by Libby Bailey



Andy Viars pitches against Gardner-Webb. photo by Libby Bailey

Scotty Thacker takes a swing as he faces the University of South Carolina pitcher. photo by Libby Bailey



Adrian Vanderburg pauses for prayer before a game begins. photo by Tiffany Buenting

Michael Blankenship, Brad Bissell, Alan Bontya III, Cosme Caballero, Billy Dalton, Nino Fasulo, Ricky Gasier, Andrew Grosse, Jordan Haar, Ian Holmen, Bradford Jones, Christopher Kellett, Adam Klein, Jeff Olhagen, David Martindale, Brandon Massey, Ryan Miscik, Jesse Oliver, Zach Parnell, Matthew Rhodes, Ian Richardson, Robert Sharpton, Brian Sole, Mario Suarez, Robert Swindle, Scotty Thacker, Jimmy Tenor, Adrian Vanderburg, Andrew Viars, Rodney West, Bradley Woods. photo provided



First baseman Katie McKay practices hitting in a preseason warmup session.
photo by Virginia Surovec



Shortstop Jacqui Mines holds a brief meeting before the game.



Dana Jacobs delivers
a pitch.

Kelly Backert catches
a conference game
against Winthrop.



New season, opportunities

The Lady Bucs are looking forward to a new season with head coach Joyce Wellhoefer and new assistant coach Tiffany Campbell.

BY STEP TOKIC
The coaches are returning six key starters from last year's squad, and they are bringing in eight freshmen who will have ample opportunities for playing time. Top returners include Jenn Foster, Lori Langford and Kelly Backert who were all selected to the Big South's all-conference team.

The Lady Bucs completed last season with an 18-38 record and a 3-7 Big South record which was enough for a sixth place finish in the conference.



Catcher Kelly Backert and second baseman
Jenn Foster relax as they wait for a turn at bat.



Outfielder Kerry
Grimm cheers on her
teammate.

Tennis takes title

In his first year as head coach, Mait DuBois led his team through an outstanding season. The Bucs captured the Big South Conference title again and had some great nonconference wins.

Highlights of the season included wins over East Tennessee State, ranked #53 in the nation at that time and a win against defending Ivy League champions Columbia University.

The Bucs made another trip to the NCAA tournament where they lost to the #1 team in the nation: The University of Georgia.

DuBois believes that with three good players coming in and three seniors, this year should be the strongest yet. All three seniors, Santiago Falla, Soufiane Rechag and Rodrigo Villarroel, have three Big South championships and three trips to the NCAA tournament on their resumes. Falla was ranked regionally last year.

Santiago Falla takes a breather during a practice session.



Zalan Kiss warms up with a forehand.



Big South champions: Back row: Rodrigo Villarroel, Santiago Falla, Ariel Furfuro, Rohan Wadehra, Athletic Director Hank Small, Coach Mait DuBois, Front row: Business Manager Karen Collins, Tomas Miho, Soufiane Rechag



Tomas Miho concentrates on the serve.

Rodrigo Villarroel demonstrates a powerful backhand.



Rohan Wadehra puts himself in position to return the serve.



After a hard won point, Soufiane Rechag regains his concentration.



Making progress

The Lady Bucs had a good year in the conference, finishing fourth. Coach Mait DuBois thinks that this year will be even better because of two freshmen coming in who should provide a solid help for two experienced seniors. They are hoping to make a run for the conference championship.

Senior Kim Belcastro was awarded the prestigious George A. Christenberry Award for academic excellence. The award is given to one female student-athlete and one male student-athlete in the conference who attain the highest GPAs in their college careers and graduate from member institutions.

Top left: Lorealee Rechag and Cathrine Andersson discuss game strategy.

Top right: Netzeli Reyes anticipates the next hit.

Right: Kim Belcastro, winner of the George A. Christenberry Award for academic excellence, excelled on the court as well.



BY STEP TOKIC



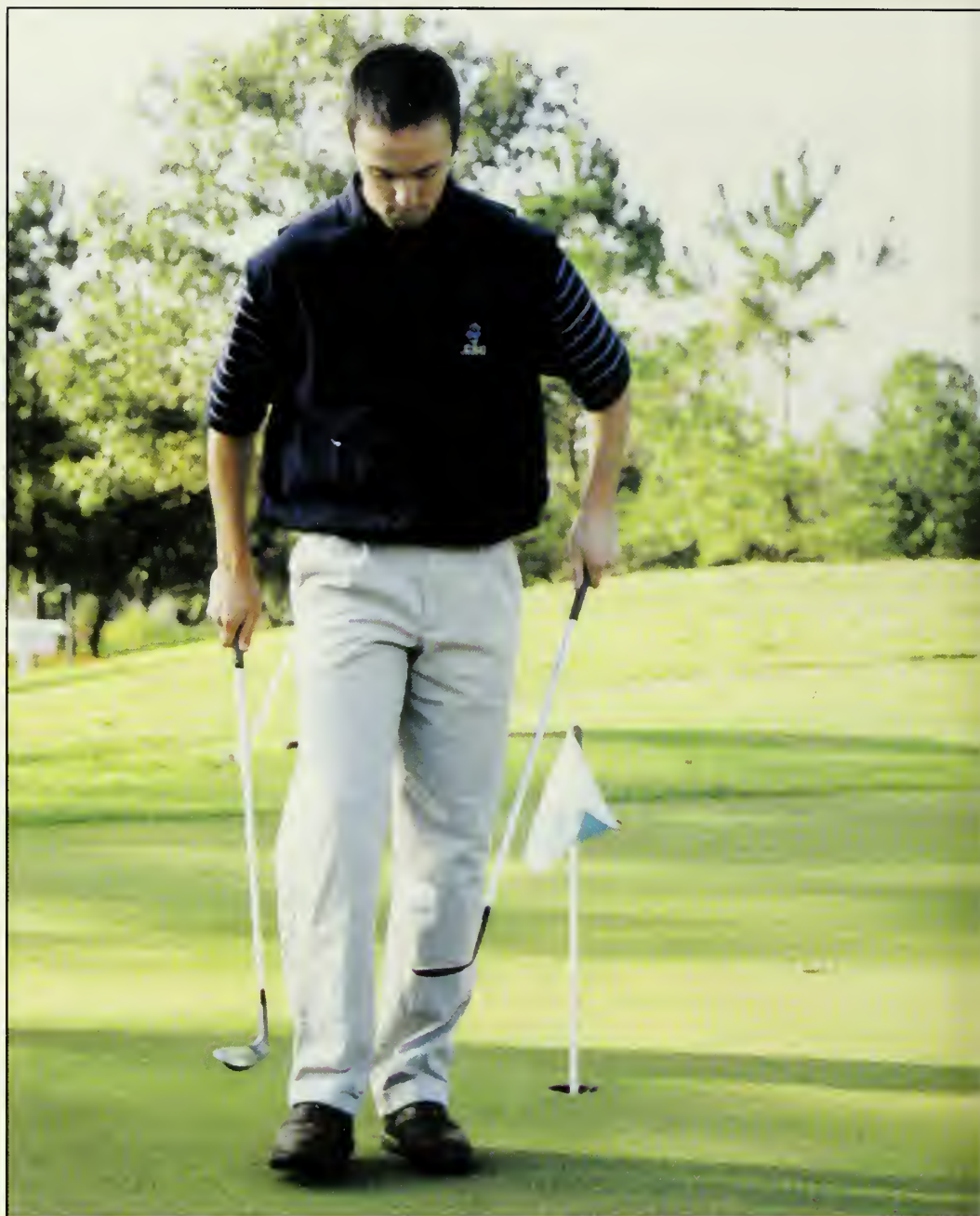
Top left: Cathrine Andersson sets up for her next hit.

Top right: Melissa Mathis practices her backhand.



Left: Melissa Mathis displays her powerful backhand.

Paul Reed shows his skill at bouncing a golf ball between two clubs. photo by Virginia Surovec



Matt Parker hits a chip shot. photo by Virginia Surovec



The Bucs take a little attitude break at practice. photo by Virginia Surovec

Rashid Salem watches to see where his shot is going to land. photo by Amy Ketner



Solid performance

The men's golf team had a solid year finishing fourth in the Big South Conference.

BY STEP TOKIC
Several teammates had amazing seasons. David Ryles finished the season ranked 26 in the country, and he was invited to the NCAA tournament as an individual.

Along with Ryles, the team was led by Tom Schupp who won three tournaments, a great achievement for a junior.



Front row: Lewis Muir, Warwick Page, Matthew Parker, Adam Sieg, Conor O'Shea, Back row: Coach Howard Vroon, Tom Schupp, Paul Reed, Paul Gagliardi, Matt Selby, Rashid Salem. photo by Virginia Surovec

Tiffany Shoppe hits
some practice rounds.
photo by Amy Ketner



Julie St. Onge
practices driving the
ball down the range.
photo by Virginia
Surovec





Top left: Julie St. Onge, captain; Tiffany Shoppe, Erica Donovan, Coach Howard Vroon, Ashlee Cooke and Sarah McFadden. photo by Virginia Surovec

Top right: Captains Matt Selby, Julie St. Onge and Tom Schupp lead the Bucs on the green. photo by Virginia Surovec

Left: David Ryles and Julie St. Onge share a light moment during spring practice. photo by Amy Ketner

Women shine on golf green

The Lady Bucs finished fourth in the Big South Conference championship.

The team was led by Kim Adams, who played her best round ever in her last round of collegiate play, and by Kari Hilton who led the team in scoring average.

Sophomore Julie St. Onge won the Pinehurst Intercollegiate Tournament, one of the finest NCAA tournaments in the country.

BY STEP TOKIC

Stretching and jumping ready track athletes for each meet.



Pressing onward

The Bucs finished fourth in the Big South championships.

At the Big South Indoor championship, Josh Aydlette and Jacob Karn were the only Buccaneers to take home individual titles.

Aydlette was tops in the weight throw while Karn won the 5000m finals.

After the outdoor season, sprinters Bryant Burch and Chris Ward were selected to the Big South all-conference team.

Burch placed second in the 100 at the Big South Outdoor Track and Field championship, while Ward captured second in the 200.

Following through is important after each throw for Tremayne Bowman.



Front row: Quentin Glenn, Wes Fuller, Bryant Burch, Brian Berry, Jeff Schimizz, Tamarius Williams, Chris Ward, Back row: Andrew Boesgaard, Zach Hampton, Brett Lewis, Drew Morgan, Shannon Stengel, Rhett Smith, Martin Kutz, Steve Schlachter, Vaughn Spain



Brian Berry leads warmups.



Bryant Burch and Wes Fuller practice their starts as their teammates wait a turn.



Coach Joseph Moses holds a team meeting after practice.

The women begin a workout with laps around the track.



Front row: Coach
Amy Clements Olsen,
Kylonda Bryant,
Jessica Rollerson,
Carlajane Costantini,
Jen Gratton, Cheryl
Ewing, Audrey
Jackson, Sonya
Taylor. Back row:
Trainer Drew, Sue
Gessner, Lisa Smith,
Alicia Walker, Kasey
Favinger, Kathlene
Jones, Janeen Gudger



Members of the Lady Bucs track team stretch
out in preparation for a meet.



Strong showing

The Lady Bucs finished fourth in the Big South championships.

At the Big South Indoor championship, junior Janeen Gudger and weight thrower Katrell Green had the highest finishes for the Lady Bucs. Both finished second in their events.

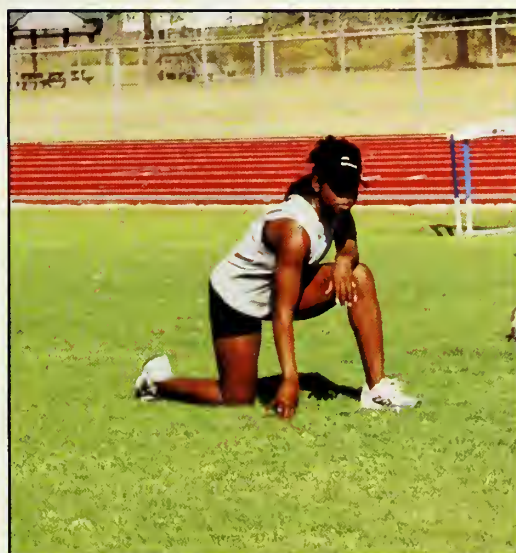
Green went even farther at the 2002 Big South Conference Outdoor Track and Field championship where she took first place.

Lisa Smith was the second-best performer for the Lady Bucs, finishing third in the heptathlon.

BY STEP TOKIC



...e Gessner and Kasey Favinger run an
interval workout together.



Nikkia Robinson
takes a break during
an afternoon practice.

Karn finishes 12th in Big South Conference

The Bucs finished eighth overall in the Big South Conference cross country championships. Senior Jacob Karn, who consistently ran well throughout the season was again CSU's top finisher, placing 12th in the overall standings.

Junior Zack Hampton had a decent year individually, and he is projected to be CSU's top finisher in the next season championships. With the addition of some new talent, the Bucs are looking to improve both as a team and individually.

BY STEP TOKIC

Distance runners
practice year-round.



Most members of the cross country team also run distance races on the track and field team.





Cross country competitors learn to race in all kinds of conditions and weather.

Long miles make up the life of a distance runner.



Stretching is one of the essentials in cross country.



MacPherson leads women to 6th place finish

BY STEP TOKIC

The women's cross country team had an average season finishing sixth overall in the Big South Conference championships. Senior Lindsay MacPherson, CSU's lone all-conference performer, was top finisher with a seventh place overall finish.

Together with MacPherson, who had a very good individual season, Alicia Walker's, Jen Gratton's and Lynnsey Reed's efforts helped the team to finish sixth in the overall standings.

Hours of practice train cross country runners to have endurance.



Although cross country is an individual sport, the runners practice and travel as a team.



Men's program terminated after season

Four days after the season ended, the University terminated the men's soccer program for budgetary reasons.

The Bucs had a decent season finishing 5-10-1 overall, but they stayed winless in the Big South championship. The young team, with sometimes up to seven freshmen in the starting 11, played some very close games against nationally ranked Coastal Carolina University and the ACC's North Carolina State University, losing both games by a margin of one goal.

Freshman Michael Chumah, a member of the 2002 All-Big South team, was CSU's top performer finishing the season with six goals and four assists. Sophomore Itayi Pondwa was also selected into the 2002 All-Big South team, finishing the season tied in goals with Chumah and Stijepko Tokic, who was a leading scorer in the conference matches.

BY STEP TOKIC



Senior Stijepko Tokic looks across the field to pass the ball. photo by Virginia Surovec

Top left: Goalie Roger Wimmer puts the ball back into play. photo by Virginia Surovec

Top right: Brandon Zachary passes the ball to Adam Deming. photo by Virginia Surovec



Top left: Front row: Gavin Aquhart, Drew Schaefering, Justin Van Matre, Roy Tewell, Jack Ward, Colin Berry, Roger Wimmer, Nick Edmond, Ryan Sacko, Loren McLean, George Grygar, Itayi Pondwa. Back row: Assistant coach Mike Hughes, Stjepko Tokic, Michael Chumah, Jody Forno, Drew Zeigler, Efe Moniedafe, Adam Deming, Keegan Sacko, Brandan Zachary, Chris Harmon, Will Bebee, Head Coach Daniel Allen. photo provided

Top right: Drew Zeigler races for the ball. photo by Virginia Surovec

Left: During practice, Ryan Sacko drills on shooting for the goal. photo by Step Tokic

Young team looking ahead

BY STEP TOKIC

The young Lady Bucs team had a disappointing campaign finishing 2-14-2 overall and 1-5 in the Big South. Due to graduation, the Lady Bucs lost eight players from last year's squad, so it was hard to carry on with the lack of experience.

Junior Tennille Vance, a member of the 2002 All-Big South first team will lead the team into next season, which should be a turning point for this young squad. The Lady Bucs will lose only three players due to graduation this year, so they should make some noise in the Big South next season.

Sarah Hook takes the ball downfield. photo by Nancy Shealy



Karrie Broderick gains control of the ball and heads toward the goal. photo by Nancy Shealy



Front row: Betsy Lapp, Sarah Hook, Miki Wilson, Kaylan Olds, Amy Strohsien, Jenna Baker, Row 2: Lisa Cooper, Kasey Favinger, Kate Basom, Tennille Vance, Kim Hose, Ann Basom, Back row: Elizabeth Uczekaj, Karrie Broderick, Kristina Siebert, Melissa Mantho, Aimee Smith, Marianne Frye, Kelly Keown. photo provided



Kristina Siebert
launches a powerful
kick. photo by Nancy
Shealy

Aimee Smith works
the ball as she is
surrounded by the
other team's defense.
photo by Nancy
Shealy



Sarah Hook works the ball past the opposing
team. photo by Nancy Shealy

The Lady Bucs bump the ball across the net.
photo provided



Top right: Front row:
Coach Danyel
Bellush, Victoria
Owens, Rachel
DeAngelo, Kristyn
Schebil, Jamaica
Hicks, Assistant
coach Amir Khaledi,
Back row: Erin
Wicker, Allyn Beam,
Melanie Johnson,
Jenny Shaw, Rebecca
Miller, Katie
O'Riordan, Hollie .
Bates. photo provided

Victoria Owens and
Hollie Bates set the
ball. photo provided



The Lady Bucs practice defending the net.
photo provided



Katie O'Riordan sets the ball. photo provided



Rebecca Miller gets the ball past blocker Allyn Beam. photo provided

Team regroups around freshmen

The Lady Bucs had a disappointing year finishing the season 8-27 overall and 3-11 in the Big South Conference.

Freshman Katie O'Riordan was selected to the All-Big South freshman team. Senior Hollie Bates made the All-Big South academic team.

With eight returning players and the addition of new talent, the Lady Bucs will regroup and come together as a team next season.

BY STEP TOKIC

Running back
Sheldon Evans races
around the defense.
photo by Virginia
Surovec



Nik Zdral readies for
the kick. photo by
Virginia Surovec



The Bucs line up against the Virginia Military
Institute's defensive line. CSU lost to VMI 27-
24. photo by Virginia Surovec

Bucs finish season 4-8

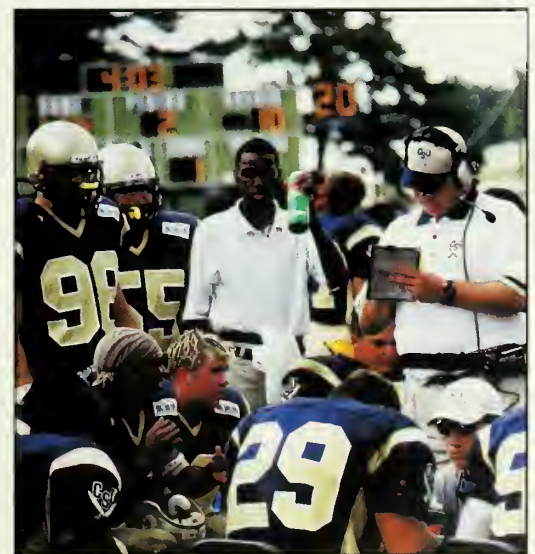
Despite a strong start in the early part of the season, the Bucs came up short finishing the season 4-8 and 0-3 in the Big South. The football team competed in the Big South Conference for the first time this season. Gardner-Webb, with a 57-15 win over CSU, captured the first league championship.

The Bucs closed the season with a 53-19 loss to The Citadel in the first football meeting of the schools. Cross-town rivals in other sports, the football teams look forward to playing again.

Head coach David Dowd, the only coach in the 12-year history of the program, resigned at the end of the season to pursue other career opportunities.

Football team: Nick Nester, Mike Washington, Harry Seabrook, Theo Warren, Luke Turner, Scott Quigley, Ryan Fleck, Dounia Whitehouse, Aaron Welborn, Tim Smith, John Muller, Adam Resnick, Darren Swiggett, Terion Reynolds, Randy Wiggins, Clint Chappell, Bowe Butler, Craig Robertson, Melvin Bell, Taron Barr, Kalin Milford, Sheldon Evans, Narada Kelson, Gabriel Jordan, Luke Spaulding, Travis Mays, Delmas Philpot, Cedric Johnson, Kopel Jackson, Torri Barber, Barry Smoak, Matt Menchaca, Kijana Thomas, Chris Lanoue, Tony Robinson, Javon Bryant, Austin Ragans, Dimar Labega, Gemere Herman, Martin Arce, Seth Smith, Jay Beech, Jeremy Lane, Nik Zdral, Fred Williams, Brandon Thornhill, Robert Murphy, Jody Matthews, Zack Snyder, William Pulman, Bryan Hennigan, Aaron Dunnam, C.J. Brown, Bryce Gregory, Andrew Kelemecz, Danny McCoy, Robbie Sharpe, Gordon Zurbrick, Tony Hill, Will Bratcher, Devin Maffett, Clarence Wright, Frank Perkowski, Adam Domermuth, Aaron Dunklin, Don Phillips, Wilton Bunn, Tim Coleman, Brad Moultrie, Aaron Ellison, Chuck Huger, Landon Papay, Shaun Phillips, Joe Godwin, Jason Harrison, Johnathan West, Nick Brown, Jonathan Shealy, Brett Bowdren, John Amaro, Gustav Mesaros, Joe Escamicilla, Coaches: David Dowd, Todd Knight, Jeremiah Jones, Jody Kafina, Wylie Rucker, Brandon Streeter, Jack Yelton. photo provided

Quarterback Darren Swiggett looks for an open back. photo by Virginia Surovec



The team takes a time out late in the second quarter. photo by Virginia Surovec

Experienced team moving up

The Bucs were picked third in the Big South Conference annual pre-season poll. Head coach Jim Platt enters his third season at the helm of the CSU men's basketball program with his most experienced and talented team yet, a combination that can help his team win the Big South Conference.

All five starters return from last year's team and will provide the leadership and consistency for a group of talented underclassmen who are expected to play a lot of quality minutes. CSU will be led by junior point guard Ed O'Neil, who was a second team all-conference selection at the end of last season.

The Bucs finished last season with a 12-17 record overall and an 8-6 record in the Big South, which was enough for fourth place.

Ed O'Neil readies to receive the pass. photo by Step Tokic



BY STEP TOKIC

The Bucs take to the floor in the opening match against the College of Charleston at the North Charleston Coliseum. photo by Virginia Surovec



Ed O'Neil, Mladen Karanovic, Trent Drafts, Thomas Harrison, Terrell Brown, Cal Ecker, Gene Granger, James Seegars, Timon Farley, Ferdinand Cain, Charles Wite, Kevin Warzynski, Nathan Ball, Chris Warzynski, Head coach Jim Platt, Assistant coaches Joe Peterson, Jermaine Scott. photo provided



Senior Gene Granger
puts up a freethrow.
photo by Virginia
Surovec



Chris Warzynski rallies the team during a time
out. photo by Virginia Surovec



Sophomore Kevin Warzynski runs practice
drills in pregame warmup. photo by Virginia
Surovec

Keena Wicker goes to the freethrow line.
photo by Virginia Surovec



Lady Bucs return 8 players

The Lady Bucs are looking into this season with a fine mixture of experience and youth. Coach Stephanie Yelton has eight players back from last year's squad and five talented freshmen who should compete for significant playing time.

BY STEP TOKIC

CSU will be led by senior Tamara Ruzic who was on her way to all-conference honors last season before injuring her knee. She averaged 10.2 points per game and was shooting 89 percent from the line at the time of injury.

The Lady Bucs finished last season with a 12-15 record overall and a 6-8 record in the Big South which was enough for fifth place.



Erica McCoy gets in position for the rebound.
photo by Virginia Surovec

Top right: Senior Tamara Ruzic keeps her eye on the ball. photo by Step Tokic



Top left: Jessie Farley, Tamara Ruzic, Danielle Baskin, Katie LaRue, Lakeshia Bryant, Barbara Jones, Keena Wicker, Lisa Crandall, Marea Daniels, Deborah Cherry, Erin Jedlikowski, Erica McCoy, Stephanie Simmons, Amanda Ekberg, Head coach Stephanie Yelton, Assistant Coaches: Beth Kane, LaTisha Pearson, Managers: Aisha Lewis, Audrey Cummings. photo provided

Top right: Senior Katie LaRue dribbles the ball downcourt. photo by Step Tokic

Left: Katie LaRue looks for a teammate as she is pressured by the Lady Cougars. photo by Step Tokic

SPIRIT IS
SUPPORTING
YOUR TEAM
THROUGH
THICK AND
THIN.
SUMMER
YEOMANS

Scoring spirit

“S-C-O-R-E! Come on Bucs. Let’s score!” Buccaneer sporting events would not be the same without cheerleaders. Dedication to our teams and to each other make the squad close-knit and successful. So what are our cheerleaders in search of? Spirit!

Right: Josh Hughett and Emily McGee execute a chair lift during a football game. photo by Libby Bailey

Below: Mini footballs are a big hit with the fans. Matt Lacy prepares to throw one to the crowd. photo by Virginia Surovec



Stunts are always an exciting part of the game. photo by Mollie Gore



Front row: Danielle Bernard, Row 2: Elaina Hamilton, Alicia Jay, Stacey Barbaree, Emily McGee, Summer Yeomans, Melissa Deason, Diane Obie, Back row: Nick Bodie, Leanne French, Olivia Curry, Josh Hughett, Rick Reyes, Allan Stone, Andrew Godowns, Allison Trap, Matt Lacy, Amanda Chambers. photo by Ashley Padgette



Alis Burton, daughter of graduates, Brian and Cheryl Burton, enjoyed following Bucky around at Homecoming, photo by Ashley Padgett

The squad gets the crowd into the game during Homecoming, photo by Ashley Padgett



The Cheerleaders perform a three-person stunt, photo by Brooke Buenting



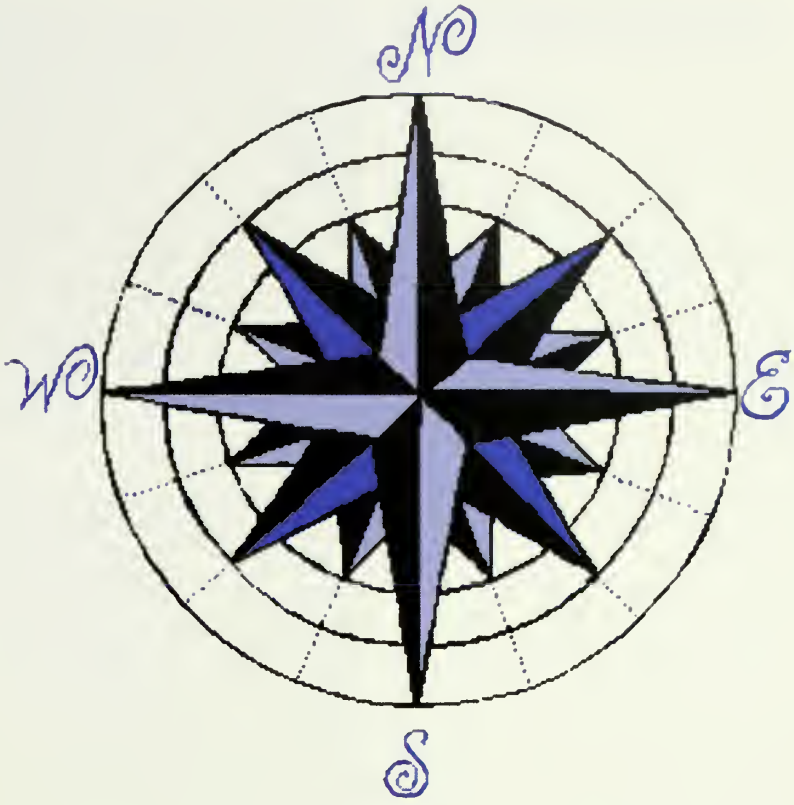
Track team members take advantage of a beautiful day for some afternoon practice. photo by April Six



In search of knowledge

Endless nights of cramming knowledge into your tired brain will eventually pay off. Reading, cramming, learning, studying—torture—whatever you want to call it, all adds up to work. Some students view classes as stress and strain. Other students view them as a privilege and as part of the search for knowledge.

BY AMY KETNER



PEOPLE 117



Mike Kincaid and Sheena Spring visit at a first floor window. Residents of the first floor consider their windows to be a bonus. photo by April Six



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Catherine Compton
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Bluffton, S.C.

Mary O'Brien



BY KELLI HOUSE

Q. What made you choose CSU?

A. I had just gotten my financial aid package ready to send to UVA, that's where I was going my whole life. (O'Brien is from Mosely, Va., a suburb of Richmond.) Then I got a call from enrollment services at CSU saying they had gotten my name from a list and my SAT scores and wanted to give me a lot of money. I originally didn't want to come to school in Charleston because my boyfriend is going to The Citadel, and I kind of wanted to figure things out for myself in college. Charleston would have been the last choice on my list to go to school, but I think God was definitely pushing me to come here.

Q. What's your major?

A. Business administration with emphasis in accounting and criminal justice. I hope to go to law school.

Q. What kind of law do you want to practice?

A. I don't know yet. I think I want to start off in prosecution and try to give back a little. Then eventually nonprofit law and maybe even judgeship.

Q. What are you involved with on campus?

A. I am vice president of the Student

Government Association which takes up 99 percent of my time. I'm also in the Honors Program, Panhellenic Council and Campus Activities Board.

Q. How have these roles impacted your college career?

A. I've learned so much just through C.A.B. by just getting involved. I think students who get involved are just so much happier, and I think they get a whole lot more out of their education and are more willing to come back to CSU and encourage others to come here. SGA has pushed me more than anything. I think student government makes you be a leader whether you want to be or not, and I've learned so much from Joy O'Brien, Dr. Parker and Miss Joyce. Student government tries to get the student voice out there and heard; it's hard sometimes, but we try.

Q. Whose advice or influence has shaped who you are the most?

A. That's easy. My parents. They've instilled in me this amazing work ethic: Never give up, always try for your best, know yourself, and never do anything you can't look at yourself in the morning and be proud of. I respect them so much.

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Holly Hill, S.C.



Marea Daniels
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Ricky Reyes and
Nick Ballenger lead
the Campus Crusade
crowd in the midweek
time of worship and
praise. photo by
Cherie Evans





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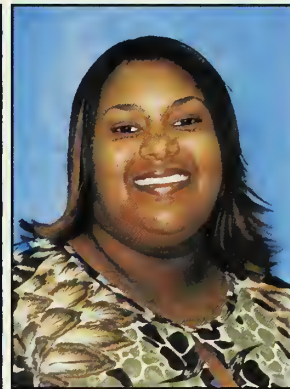
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A representative from Wells Fargo Financial talks to participants at the Broadband Career Fair in the Brewer Center. photo by Libby Bailey





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Friendswood, Texas



Stephanie Lock
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Englewood, Colo.



Jennifer Longo
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Marcellus, N.Y.



Kevin Lott
Youth Ministry
Reevesville, S.C.



Lindsay Macpherson
Physical Education
Prescott, Ontario

Jason Brewer



BY STEP TOKIC

So what is it that makes local guy Jason Brewer, who is studying religion in a Christian institution, so special? Jason is a singer, a lead guitar player and a songwriter in the band 1984, a band that doesn't perform Christian music.

Since Jason is a strong Christian, many people find this inappropriate, unacceptable and just wrong. "There are some really good Christian bands out there, but many people are doing it for bucks." He believes that Christian music should follow direct scriptures, and he feels more comfortable to speak from his own experiences. "It makes me more real and that helps me to do more work on personal one-on-one basis, but since I am a very strong Christian it comes out of me eventually," he said.

His band, "1984," already has various demo recordings, and their music can be heard on 96 Wave. They had numerous solo-concerts but mostly they are opening for more established bands. They are hoping to get a record deal soon. "I would like to see where music can take me, but at some point I want to work for a nonprofit Christian organization," said Jason. Although many strong Christians will state that rock&roll and Christianity can't have a seat at the same table, Jason proves that true Christianity lives beyond the shallow approach of judgmentalism.

Jason is majoring in religion and is from Summerville.

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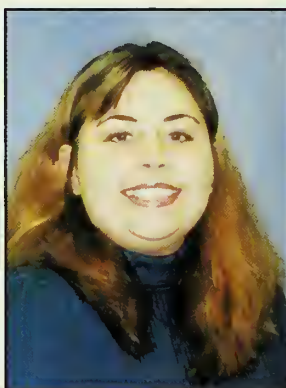
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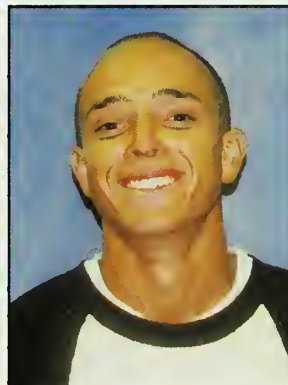
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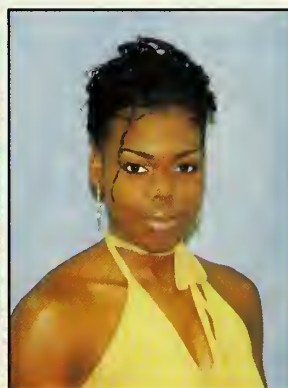
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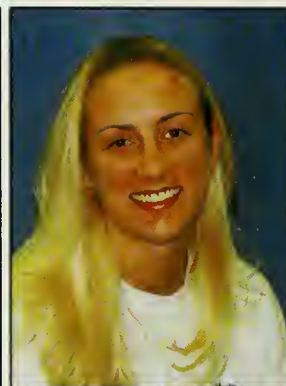
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The new Bucs Weekend events format allows for self-defense classes in the Brewer Center. Many students took advantage of the opportunity to learn how to protect themselves. photo by Cherie Evans





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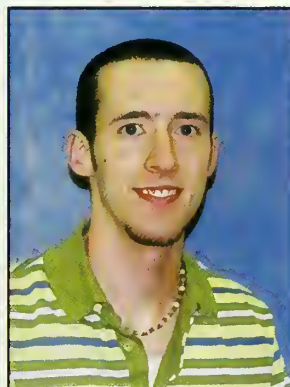
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Tamara Ruzic



BY STEP TOKIC

Tamara Ruzic is a senior from Belgrade, Yugoslavia. She is a business administration major and plays basketball for CSU. Ever since she was 10 years old, she's been involved in activities. Her mum, Svetlana, wanted her to be a ballerina; her father, Slobodan, thought that she should practice martial arts, and Tamara enjoyed playing basketball with her friends. Her parents couldn't agree on ballet or martial arts, so to please them both Tamara choose basketball. With her club-team, K.K Partizan, she won the National Championship many times in all age groups and she was MVP on her high school team her junior and senior years. Her impressive performance didn't go by unnoticed. Many colleges in the U.S. were interested in her services.

Tamara started her college career at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire and competed in NCAA-division 2. Tamara led the team in points per game, but she felt unfulfilled because she wanted to play Division-1 basketball. After her freshman season, some division-1 "power-houses" such as Florida State, University of Maine and even Duke recruited her. The CSU coaching staff saw a high profile recruit in Tamara, so they offered her a full-scholarship right away. She liked the school, and she had no time to wait on Florida State, so decided to sign the letter of intent. Two days later she received the letter of intent from Florida State, but it was too late.

Tamara is a big asset to CSU's student body and its basketball team. On the basketball court she is a go to player who leads the team in points two years in a row, and currently leads the nation in three point percentage, shooting 57 percent from behind the arc. Off the court she is an outstanding student who speaks four languages and has a great sense of multiculturalism. Tamara loves art, especially paintings of Salvador Dali. Even though she is an outstanding student and there are many things she can do after graduation, basketball remains Tamara's first priority. She wants to play professional basketball either in the WNBA or overseas.



*Chris Angura
Kampala, Uganda*



*Amber Leilani Attridge
Greenville, S.C.*



*Libby Bailey
Beech Island, S.C.*



*Justin Baker
Charleston, S.C.*



*LaToya S. Baker
Hardeeville, S.C.*



*Tracey Blanchard
Charleston, S.C.*



*Laura Bessant
Pawleys Island, S.C.*



*Emily Bolding
Pickens, S.C.*



*Delandrea Boulware
Columbia, S.C.*



*Leslie Bragg
North Augusta, S.C.*



*Jamie Brandon
York, S.C.*



*Josh Brant
Spartanburg, S.C.*



*Amanda Brewer
Mynchburg, S.C.*



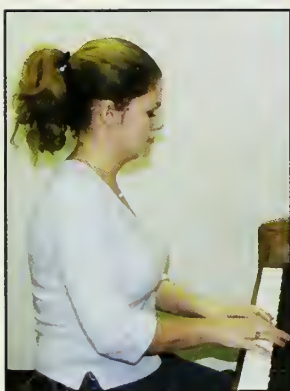
*Justin Brewer
Martinez, Ga.*



*Derek Brown
Manning, S.C.*



*Julie Brown
Manning, S.C.*



*Kendall Brown
Melbourne, Fla.*



*Lashonda K. Brown
Lake City, S.C.*



*Shaun Burn
Charleston, S.C.*



*Elizabeth Carlton
Singapore*



*Kristi Colvard
Charleston, S.C.*



*Peter J. Copeland
Columbia, S.C.*



*Jeanette Crisp
Spartanburg, S.C.*



*Samuel Crowe
Myrtle Beach, S.C.*

Lindsey Hilliard



BY NANCY SHEALY

Unless you are heavily involved in the music department, you probably wouldn't know Lindsey Hilliard. A double major in vocal performance and music education, she's a familiar face around the Horton School of Music.

With a father in the Navy, Lindsey has lived everywhere from Bath, Maine, to the island of Sardinia off the coast of Italy where she spent 2 1/2 years. After settling in Charleston, Lindsey auditioned and won a spot in the Governor's School for Fine Arts. "Basically, I left home at 16 and was on my own. I was exposed to different lifestyles, and it made me grow up pretty fast." After graduating, Lindsey started her undergraduate work at Converse College, but the extremely large voice program left her with little opportunities to show her voice. "The voice department there—just the voice students— was bigger than the entire Horton School of Music. There wasn't any teaching that was geared to specific voice needs, and I didn't relate well to any of the students. It was like being alone constantly."

A visit to the CSU web site got Lindsey interested, as well as the availability of her major. Talking with Dr. Valerie Bullock cemented Lindsey's idea to transfer to CSU, and already it's proven to be a better experience. "I can relate to the students; it's easier here to say to my voice teacher 'Hey, this is hurting my voice' or 'I've been practicing this exercise, and I'm not seeing results, what can I do to fix that,' and I really feel like this is where I'm supposed to be."

Lindsey plans to teach music and is already seeing how the benefits of a smaller college can help her with her goals: "It's better preparing me for teaching since I'll be able to relate my stage experience to my students. At Converse, I wouldn't have had stage time until my junior or senior year."

Lindsey, like any music ed major, stays busy. However, she doesn't get tired of it. She just smiles and says confidently, "Music is pretty much my life."



*Rachel DeAngelo
Solon, Ohio*



*David Ellis
Powdersville, S.C.*



*Ashley Ewell
Laurens, S.C.*



*Angela Freeman
Beaufort, S.C.*



*Sarah Gadol
Summerville, S.C.*



*Chrishonda Gaither
Winnsboro, S.C.*



*Kayla Gantt
Batesburg, S.C.*



*Sarah Gardner
Charleston, S.C.*



*Jennifer Gratton
Williamstown, N.J.*

The annual Spring Formal gives everybody the chance to dress up for a night on the town. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman



JUNIORS



*Charles D. Green Jr.
Reevesville, S.C.*



*Monique Hatton
Hollywood, Fla.*



*D.J. Hedgepath
Sumter, S.C.*



*Jay Hershey
Greenville, S.C.*



*Alethea Hill
Spartanburg, S.C.*



*Tawanna R. Jennings
Charleston, S.C.*



*Leslie Ann Jones
Lexington, S.C.*



*Abbey Kay
Greenville, S.C.*



*Rachael Kenworthy
Bluffton, S.C.*



*Angela Killian
Lancaster, S.C.*



*Anselm Knights
San Fernando, T. & T.*



*Matt Koury
Greenville, S.C.*



*Lorren Kruithof
Simpsonville, S.C.*



*Jen Lambright
Duncan, S.C.*



*Katie E. Lee
Summerville, S.C.*



*Aisha Lewis
Huntsville, Ala.*

JUNIORS



Sharon Linder
Smoaks, S.C.



Richard Mead
Altus, Okla.



Ashley Meredith
Bowling Green, Ky.



Jocelyn Miller
Saluda, S.C.



Jacquelyn Mixon
North Charleston, S.C.



Kathryn Mixon
North Charleston, S.C.



Kathryn Moody
Florence, S.C.



Kristen Murray
Rock Hill, S.C.



Marian Nedelchev
Sofia, Bulgaria



Ratasha Scott
Jamestown, S.C.





*Joy OBidike
Sumter, S.C.*



*Mary O'Brien
Richmond, Va.*



*Jennifer Parish
Charleston, S.C.*



*Ryan Peduzzi
Greenwood, S.C.*



*Ishmael Pessoa
Cali, Colombia, S.A.*



*Jamie Platt
Tallahassee, Fla.*

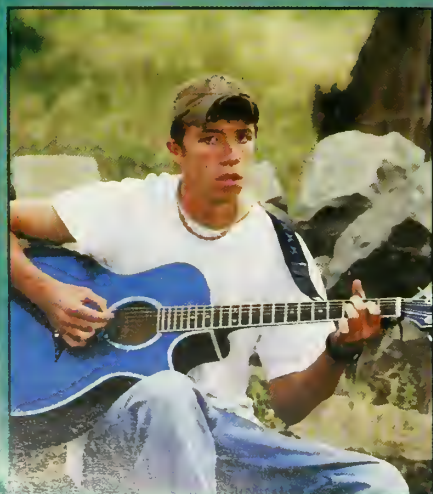


*Joanna Prokop
Irmo, S.C.*



*Ivy Raxter
Beaufort, S.C.*

Nick Ballenger



BY CHERIE EVANS

Q.Where are you from?

A.Greenville, S.C.

Q.What year are you?

A.Junior

Q.What is your major?

A.I'm getting a double major in youth ministry and theatre, with a minor in English.

Q.Why did you go to Africa?

A.I had never been on a missions trip. I figured it was time to get out of my comfort zone. Africa was about as far away as I could go.

Q.What were you going to do?

A.To lead worship for my team and the Africans we would be staying with. We were doing street evangelism.

Q.How did you know that you were supposed to go?

A.Different things about Africa kept coming up. I would see newspaper articles, books on Africa at Barnes and Noble, people kept talking about it. God let me know.

Q.What did you learn?

A.I don't know where to start. God answers prayers. All we have to do is ask. He can use you in ways you never thought possible.

Q.What is one thing you've applied to your life now?

A.I'm more grateful for all I have now. All of the options and opportunities I have in this country.

Q.Would you go back?

A.Yes. I want to go back after I graduate college. Maybe for a year or two. The people in Africa are very hospitable. If you go into their homes, no matter what they are doing or what little they have, they will make you a cup of tea. They are so open. They do not lock doors or anything like that. I wish the people in America were like that.

JUNIORS



Joshua Ray
North Charleston, S.C.



Kimberly Ray
Lancaster, S.C.



Michael Rhodes
Williamston, S.C.



Jacqueline Rigney
Charleston, S.C.



Keisha Roberts
Columbia, S.C.



Morelisa L. Sabb
Summerville, S.C.



Randy Schweinberg
Melbourne, Fla.



Kelly Seay
Spartanburg, S.C.



Tyler Seay
Spartanburg, S.C.



Tamica Shaw
Nesmith, S.C.



Darren Shearer
Columbia, S.C.



Roger Simpson
Moncks Corner, S.C.



Andrew Spurgeon
Carlisle, Pa.



Sydney Swails
Andrews, S.C.



Caleb Taylor
Hilton Head Island, S.C.



Sonya Taylor
Rock Hill, S.C.

JUNIORS



Danielle Thomas
Charleston, S.C.



Kijana Thomas
El Dorado, Kansas



Sarah Thomas
Lawrenceville, Ga.



Krista Thurston
Greenville, S.C.



Kali Tomazich
Hilton Head Island, S.C.



Miranda Tuomisto
Gainesville, N.Y.



Courtney Turner
Columbia, S.C.



Laura E. Varney
Williamson, W.Va.

Rachael Kenworthy
does some
homework on her
laptop in the
women's residence
hall lounge. photo
by April Six



JUNIORS



*Jennifer Waddell
Woodruff, S.C.*



*Angela Walker
Charleston, S.C.*



*Samantha Walters
Holly Hill, S.C.*



*Renota D. Washington
Lake City, S.C.*



*Grace Wells
Simpsonville, S.C.*



*LaKitra S. Weston
Columbia, S.C.*



*Caroline Wham
Simpsonville, S.C.*



*LuVenia White
Lithonia, Ga.*



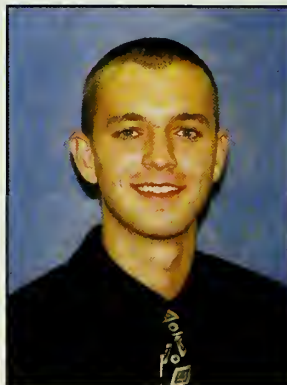
*Jamie Brandon
makes it to the top
of the rock climbing
exhibit on campus
as other students
wait their turn
below. photo by
Amy Ketner*



*Angela Wolf
Aiken, S.C.*



*Jovan Woodley
Eutawville, S.C.*



*Matt Wright
Columbia, S.C.*



*Travis Wright
Columbia, S.C.*

Cindy Hanna

A TYPICAL DAY FOR CINDY HANNA WENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS LAST SEMESTER:

7-8 A.M.: PRACTICE MUSIC

8-10: GO TO CLASS

11-12: LUNCH, MEETINGS, PRACTICE, ANYTHING ELSE

12:30-2: CONCERT SINGERS

2-3: VOICE LESSON

3-6: LIFEGUARD AT CSU POOL

6-8: MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

8-10: TUTOR IN THE LEARNING CENTER

ASIDE FROM ALL THAT, SHE ALSO CARRIES A DOUBLE MAJOR IN THEATRE AND VOCAL PERFORMANCE AS WELL AS AN ART MINOR. IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, SHE DOES ALL THIS WHILE MAINTAINING HER HONOR STUDENT STATUS.

ONE MIGHT THINK THAT BURNOUT WOULD BE ON THE WAY FOR CINDY, BUT INSTEAD JUST THE OPPOSITE. SHE ADMITS TO BEING "HOOKED" ON OPERA AND HASN'T HAD ENOUGH YET: SHE'LL BE AUDITIONING AT MAJOR MUSIC CONSERVATORIES AND STUDYING FOR HER MASTER IN VOCAL PERFORMANCE/OPERA STUDIES. BUT SHE WASN'T ALWAYS AN OPERA FREAK, AND IN FACT CLAIMS CAROLE KING TO BE ONE OF HER FAVORITE ALL TIME ARTISTS. "I GREW UP LISTENING TO MUSICAL THEATRE AND FOLKSY ARTISTS OF THE 70s. WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I STARTED LISTENING TO NPR FOR ITS BIG BAND MUSIC. ONE NIGHT, THEY PLAYED OPERA INSTEAD," SAID CINDY, AND THE REST, AS THEY SAY, IS HISTORY.

MUSIC PLAYS A HUGE ROLE IN CINDY'S LIFE, BUT HER LOVE OF LEARNING HAS ALSO HELPED HER. TUTORING IN THE LEARNING CENTER "HELPED RENEW THE SKILLS I LEARNED IN HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAS PUSHED ME TO DO WORK ON NEAR-GRADUATE LEVELS. FOR INSTANCE, LAST SEMESTER I WROTE A PAPER ON MUSICAL TUNING AND TEMPERAMENT—BASICALLY THE PHYSICS OF MUSIC." WITH CINDY, IT ALWAYS COMES FULL CIRCLE BACK TO HER FIRST LOVE: MUSIC.

ANY PERFORMER WILL TELL YOU IT TAKES DEDICATION, DRIVE, AND SHEER WILL ALONG WITH TALENT TO SUCCEED IN ANY SORT OF FINE ARTS CAREER. CINDY HAS ALL OF THESE PLUS ONE OTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR: A PURE LOVE OF WHAT SHE DOES. KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR CINDY HANNA—THE NAME IS BOUND TO COME UP AGAIN SOMEDAY.

BY NANCY SHEALY



SOPHOMORES



*Julie Ainslie
Coatesville, Pa.*



*Claire Baker
Clover, S.C.*



*Merriam Barrett
North Charleston, S.C.*



*Mary Berley
Columbia, S.C.*



*Sandra D. Biggs
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.*



*Brittany Blackburn
Savannah, Ga.*



*Lindsay Bradley
Boiling Springs, S.C.*



*Krystal Branham
Columbia, S.C.*



*Daniel Bryant
Spartanburg, S.C.*



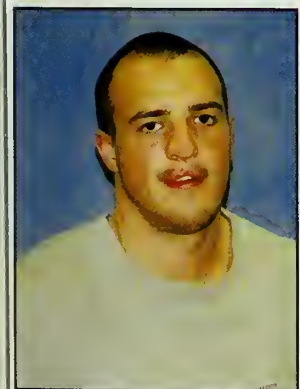
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Walterboro, S.C.*



*Tiffany Buening
Johns Island, S.C.*



*Maria Bunch
Charleston, S.C.*



*Wilton Bunn
Garner, N.C.*



*Manrice Carlisle
Brooklyn, N.Y.*



*Tina Catterton
Walterboro, S.C.*



*Madeline Clark
Yacolt, Wash.*

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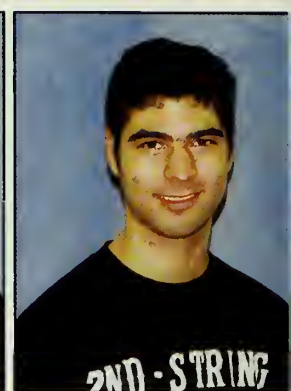
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Lake City, S.C.*



*Christina Davenport
Charleston, S.C.*



*Ave Davis
Goose Creek, S.C.*



*David Driggers
Ladson, S.C.*



*Abigail Dunwoody
Lancaster, Pa.*



*Joseph Easley
Summerville, S.C.*



*Aaron R. Edinger
Eaton, Colo.*



*Amanda Ekberg
Loves Park, Ill.*

*Basketball was a
main attraction at
the fall carnival.
photo by Virginia
Surovec*



SOPHOMORES



*Cheryl Ewing
Buena, N.J.*

*Nathan Falco
Central, S.C.*

*Kate Fleming
Raleigh, N.C.*

*Christopher Freshman
Summerville, S.C.*



*Joanna Fulmer
Wagener, S.C.*

*Tristan Geddings
Sumter, S.C.*

*Linda R. Glaze
Charleston, S.C.*

*Naomi Gray
Summerville, S.C.*



*In addition to
being a time of
worship, Halftime
gives a chance for
students to use
their musical
abilities.*

SOPHOMORES



Angela Hall
Saluda, S.C.



Georgette N. Hamilton
Columbia, S.C.



Stacy Hatton
Fort Mill, S.C.



Taren Hazelrigg
Bedford, Va.



Rebecca Heckathorn
Boiling Springs, S.C.



Kelli House
Authur, Ill.



Amber R. Huser
Pucallpa, Peru



Robert S. Ingram III
Rock Hill, S.C.

Jody Forno



BY LIBBY BAILEY

Sophomore student -athlete, Jody Forno was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, although his family comes all the way from Italy. Canada is a huge melting pot of cultures, and Canada has one of the largest populations of Italians in the world, second only to Italy.

After suffering an ankle injury that forced him to take a break from playing soccer, Jody began coaching a soccer league in Toronto for kids under 19. During the three years Jody coached, his team won two Ontario Cups, and at age 21, he established a name as one of the youngest, successful coaches in the area.

Because Jody experienced so much success as a coach, he decided to get back in school so he could eventually get a position coaching on the college level. After some coaxing from his younger brother, Jody decided to play soccer again and found his way to Charleston through a friend and CSU graduate. For the past two years he has been a part of our men's soccer team and during that time, was named the Top Scholar for men's soccer.

This May, Jody plans to travel back to Italy to visit his relatives and his native country, although he will always consider Canada his home.

Since the CSU men's soccer team was disbanded after the season, Jody will transfer to another school in the fall to continue pursuing his soccer career as well as his education. After graduation, Jody said, "I plan to go to Europe for a year to get my coaching license and then return to the states to coach for the Division I NCAA."

SOPHOMORES



*Brad Jackson
Charleston, S.C.*



*Maria K. Jackson
Charleston, S.C.*



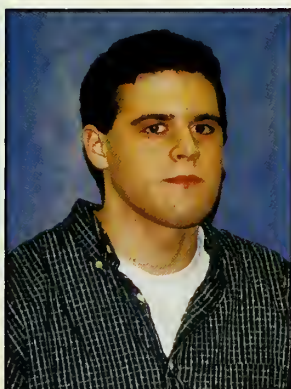
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Columbia, S.C.*



*Alicia Jay
James Island, S.C.*



*Connie M. Johnson
Greenville, S.C.*



*Russ Jones
Sumter, S.C.*



*Brooke Katz
North Charleston, S.C.*



*Kim Kennedy
Clarion, Pa.*



*Ryan Kohlhepp
Orangeburg, S.C.*



*David Kuznik
Hampton, S.C.*



*Yaschica M. Laws
North Charleston, S.C.*



*Felicia Lazarus
Charleston, S.C.*



*Michelle Lott
Reevesville, S.C.*



*Tabitha Mack
Florence, S.C.*



*Melissa Mantho
Savannah, Ga.*

SOPHOMORES



*Gina Masters
Greenville, S.C.*



*Robin Matthews
Florence, S.C.*



*Jamie McAlhany
Branchville, S.C.*



*Chantell McCray
Conway, S.C.*



*Will McElmurray
Beech Island, S.C.*



*Bret McIver
Jackson, S.C.*



*Jillian Mehler
Lakeland, Fla.*



*Wynde Miles
Andrews, S.C.*

*Participants prepare
for the three-legged
race at the fall
carnival. photo by
Virginia Surovec*





*Amber Myers
Darlington, S.C.*



*Nicole Neal
Camden, S.C.*



*Yolanda Owens
Charleston, S.C.*



*Stephanie Phillips
West Columbia, S.C.*



*Kevin Pryor
Florence, S.C.*



*Melton A. Roper
Patterson, N.J.*



*Desler Rucker
Bluffton, S.C.*



*Darryl A. Sanders
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.*

Chris Freshman



BY BROOKE BUENTING

Around campus Chris Freshman is known as Bucky. Yes, Chris is the school's mascot. Chris says that he became Bucky because, "Mr. Little thought I would be good at it cause I'm always goofing off." Chris likes his job as Bucky, but he admits that the costume is not very comfortable. The costume is hot, and he has a hard time seeing.

Like most guys, Chris enjoys working with the cheerleaders. He said, "I love dancing with Olivia." Even though Chris scares some of the children, he finds working with them rewarding. Chris said, "The best part about being Bucky is the attention." Besides being Bucky, Chris also participates in other activities such as flag football and intramural soccer.

He is a sophomore from Summerville majoring in secondary education.



SOPHOMORES



*Joshua Schoppe
Charleston, S.C.*



*Christy Schultz
Rock Hill, S.C.*



*Jeremy Simmons
Greer, S.C.*



*Sally Hanna Singleton
Aynor, S.C.*



*Sara Tucker
Ridgeway, S.C.*



*Bobby Vann
Hampton, Va.*



*Aleisha Vrooman
Sumter, S.C.*



*Amanda Walton
Abingdon, Va.*

*Jamie McAlhaney
scoops free ice
cream provided by
the Residence Life
staff. photo by Sarah
Dyar*



SOPHOMORES



*Tara Leigh Ward
Columbia, S.C.*



*Rebecca Watson
Chester, S.C.*



*Shirley Watson
Bennettsville, S.C.*



*Nichole Watts
Sumter, S.C.*



*Michael Weiss
Lancaster, S.C.*



*Kala Whetstone
Cordova, S.C.*



*Sirena Jacinta White
Columbia, S.C.*



*Josh Williams
Summerville, S.C.*

*Groups such as
Campus Crusade are
gathering places for
Christian times of
fellowship. photo by
Virginia Surovec*





*Debra Willis
Columbia, S.C.*



*Rebekah Woods
Charleston, S.C.*



*Tawanda Wright
Scotia, S.C.*



*Adam A. Zeigler
Bamberg, S.C.*

Efe Moniedole



Efe Moniedole hopes to be the next Bill Gates. Or a pro soccer player.

Efe, a sophomore soccer team member, was born in Raleigh, N.C. His family was in the states for his dad to attend college. Efe grew up in the small city of Yola in Nigeria and plans to return to Nigeria after college.

With the men's soccer program ending, Efe is having to think about changing schools. His interest in computers, math and soccer remain firm, however.

"I joke around a lot, so people don't know I can be serious," said Efe. He likes to help his friends and is considered a good listener. "I could be a good therapist," he said.

Switching from the serious back to the joking, Efe said, "I don't look like Itayi. People think I look like him."

FRESHMEN



Christine Ackerman
Goose Creek, S.C.



Michael W. Aiken II
Jacksonville, Fla.



Ryan Ashley
Goose Creek, S.C.



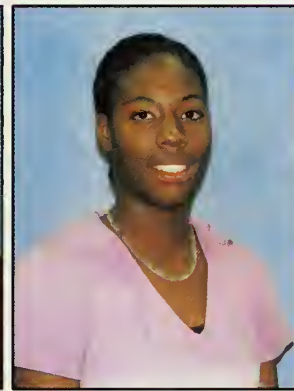
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Faith Bafford
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Tonya Baker
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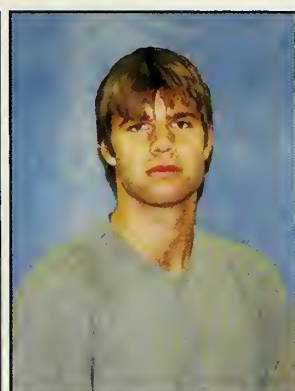
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Fredericksburg, Va.



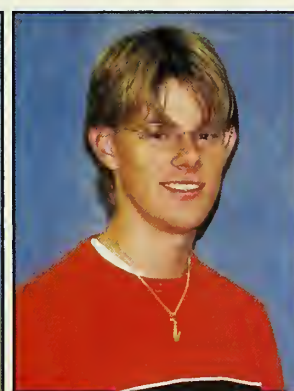
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Walterboro, S.C.



Danielle Baskin
Nashville, Tenn.



William Bebee
Annapolis, Md.



Nolan Black
Westminster, S.C.



Kristen Bocchine
Loris, S.C.

FRESHMEN



*Brandie Bolduc
Spartanburg, S.C.*



*Stefanie Bowen
Anderson, S.C.*



*Deshia Bowman
Orangeburg, S.C.*



*Ashley Brandon
Andrews, S.C.*



*Joseph Bright
Spartanburg, S.C.*



*Brittany Brogdon
Hampton, S.C.*



*Jessica R. Brown
Camden, S.C.*



*Brooke Buenting
Johns Island, S.C.*

*Lynn Stafford, Miss
CSU, leads the Mr.
CSU contestants in
their opening dance
number. photo by
Lenore Brown*





*Dominique Burgunder-Johnson
Vilseck, Germany*



*Megan Burt
Flora, Ill.*



*Shelby Busey
Charleston, S.C.*



*Gloria Cabarroguis
Charleston, S.C.*



*Carrie Campbell
Ravenel, S.C.*



*Jessica Caputo
Yorktown Heights, N.Y.*



*Johnnita Carson
Orangeburg, S.C.*



*Josh Carter
Greenville, S.C.*

Shelby Busey



By April Six

Passionate, fun loving, spiritual, kind-hearted, and deeply compassionate are just a few ways to describe Shelby Busey. A dull moment will never come your way when spending time with her. Shelby's style is funky, up beat, and reflects her personality. Shelby is a freshman majoring in youth ministry and is involved in quite a few extracurricular activities. Overall, Shelby leads an interesting life.

Home for Shelby is James Island and John's Island. Her mom and stepdad live on John's Island. She describes them as biker people who love their Harleys and calls their humor "uninhibited." Shelby's dad lives on James Island and is a quiet and witty man. She describes her brother and only sibling as laid-back and quiet, but when you get him talking he's a really funny guy.

Shelby loves her family, but the most important thing in her life is her faith. Her favorite verse, the one she says she lives by, is Hebrews 10:35-36, NIV. "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." Shelby says God is taking her in a new direction, and that is evangelism. She admits that sharing her faith is nerve-racking, but she knows that as a future youth minister, she needs these experiences to prepare her for ministry.

Shelby has two more passions in life, one of which is dance. She teaches and takes lessons at Trudy's School of Dance in James Island. She teaches ballet and hip hop to all ages and takes jazz, tap, ballet, and hip-hop. As a company member at Charleston Dance Company, she performs contemporary jazz and ballet pieces. Her favorite style of dance is hip-hop because it's not structured; she gets a chance to cut loose and not worry about form.

Modeling is her other passion. Face, an agency based out of Raleigh chose Shelby after an interview that she didn't even plan to go to! Her main focus in modeling is to minister to others. She also models to pay off college. She loves modeling because it's fun, and she gets to meet a lot of different kinds of people. Her favorite part of the job is working with photographers who can be goofy with her.

There's no one category or stereotype to put Shelby in. She is most definitely an individual.

FRESHMEN



*Alexis Cato
Charleston, S.C.*



*Courtney Catoe
Kershaw, S.C.*



*Amanda Chambers
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Nathan Germelman

BY CHERIE EVANS

Nathan Germelman was born in Richmond, Va., and raised in Florida. He heard about CSU through his mom's job as vice president of Averett University. He chose CSU because it has a good nursing program. Nathan has diabetes. "It may sound crazy to want to spend any more time in hospitals, but I feel that God has called me to this field."

Nathan's life differs from the lives of other college students. Nathan said, "For instance, (unless my blood sugar is low, then I need sugar) when I eat something that I should not, it causes my glucose level to increase. I find with my case of Juvenile Diabetes, and diabetics in general, we tend to become irritable, tired, extremely thirsty, (increasing trips to the bathroom) and find it harder to focus when our blood sugar readings are elevated. As most know, sugar takes the more obvious form of sweets, but also pasta, bread, corn and other starches turn into sugar. Many people do not realize that a candy bar and a baked potato with nothing on it do the same thing to your blood sugar. The only difference is the time it takes to enter your blood stream. It truly is a pain to not be able to eat as easily as others. For instance, friends may order a pizza and find it sufficient for dinner. In the case of a diabetic, protein is very much needed. Protein helps stabilize your blood sugars. My doctors have unanimously recommended that fat, sugar, and protein be a part of every meal. It is the balance of these three that is the key to stable blood sugar levels. Unlike the average person, the part of my pancreas responsible for making insulin is dead. Therefore, I must take shots twice a day to mimic the alive pancreas. People ask if the shots and finger pricks hurt. "The pain is bearable and expected. I have always done all of my shots since I was 5 years old. It is time consuming. The worst part is having a lower immune system from the diabetes.

"Diabetes does not control my life though it has heavily impacted me. It is a part of me that I can not get rid of. It has built in me character and maturity from an early age. Currently, there is not a cure for diabetes." When asked what else he wants CSU students to know. Nathan replies, "My disease has taught me so much about God, the world we live in, and my life. God is the ultimate healer and an example for the medical community. Pray for God to show your passion in life. He will; He showed me mine."

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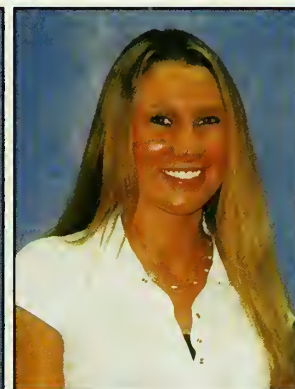
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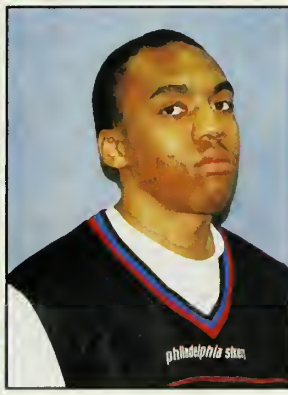
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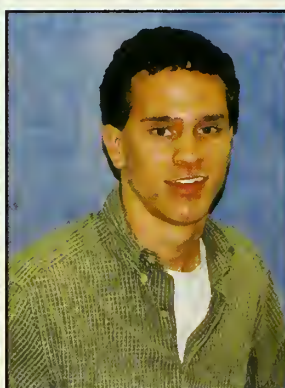
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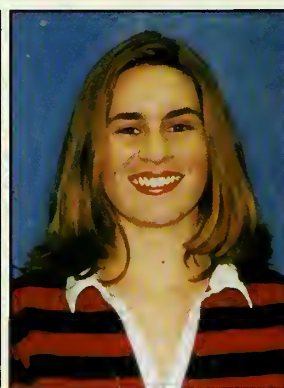
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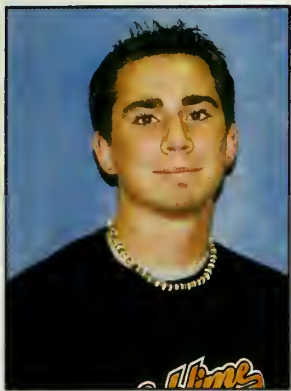
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Dominique Johnson



BY BRANDI MICHELLE STOCKMAN

Freshman Dominique Johnson is a long way from home. She hails from Vilseck, Germany (a city in the southeastern part of the country). Her mom is German, and her father is American. The two met while her dad was in the army in Germany. When the time came around for Dominique to decide on a college she looked on the Internet for a Christian school in the southeast U.S. and discovered CSU. After visiting the school, she knew it was the one for her. Although Dominique has lived all of her life in Germany, her family has visited the United States on vacation, so the transition to Charleston wasn't as hard as it could have been. She especially likes the beach since she lives close to the mountains in Germany.

Growing up, Dominique attended both German and American schools. She became a Christian when she was a freshman in high school. Dominique said one of the challenges schools in Germany face lies in the fact that there is no separation of church and state, so everyone is labeled a Christian. They have religion classes, which are mandatory, but the downfall lies in that the majority of the people don't really have a relationship with Christ.

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Soufiane & Lorelee Rechag



BY LIBBY BAILEY

Perhaps it was just coincidence or maybe it was fate that brought Soufiane and Lorelee together in September of 1998. It was just a regular day at the tennis courts in Marblehead, Massachusetts, that resulted in a lifetime marriage commitment. Soufiane came to Massachusetts from Casablanca, Morocco, just one month before he met Lorelee.

After making an immediate connection, the couple decided to go to Salem State in Salem, Mass., to play Division 3 tennis. That year they both received the award for Most Valuable Player and later decided to move on to a more challenging school which brought them to Charleston Southern.

Both Soufiane and Lorelee have excelled during their tennis careers at CSU. Soufiane is a team representative for our men's team and won the CSU Invitational Tournament in the fall of 2002 while Lorelee made All-Conference.

In the midst of all their tennis success, Lorelee and Soufiane tied the knot on Aug. 19, 2001. Lorelee's Lebanese background was very similar to Soufiane's Arabic heritage which made for an exciting wedding day celebration including unique cultural dancers.

Now they are making plans for the future as graduation is nearly here. Soufiane is a business administration major and Spanish minor. He plans to work in international business in order to utilize the FIVE languages he speaks! Lorelee is a communication major with a minor in art. She hopes to put her raw artistic talent to work in the advertising field.

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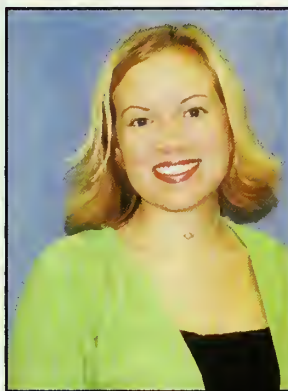
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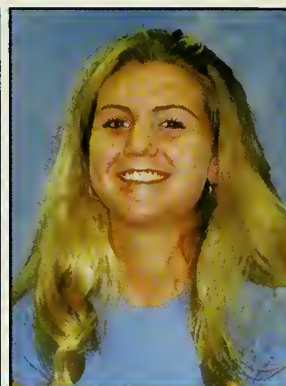
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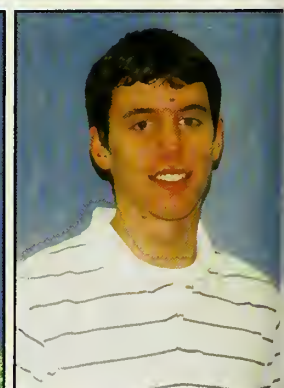
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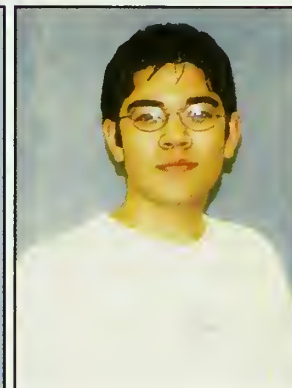
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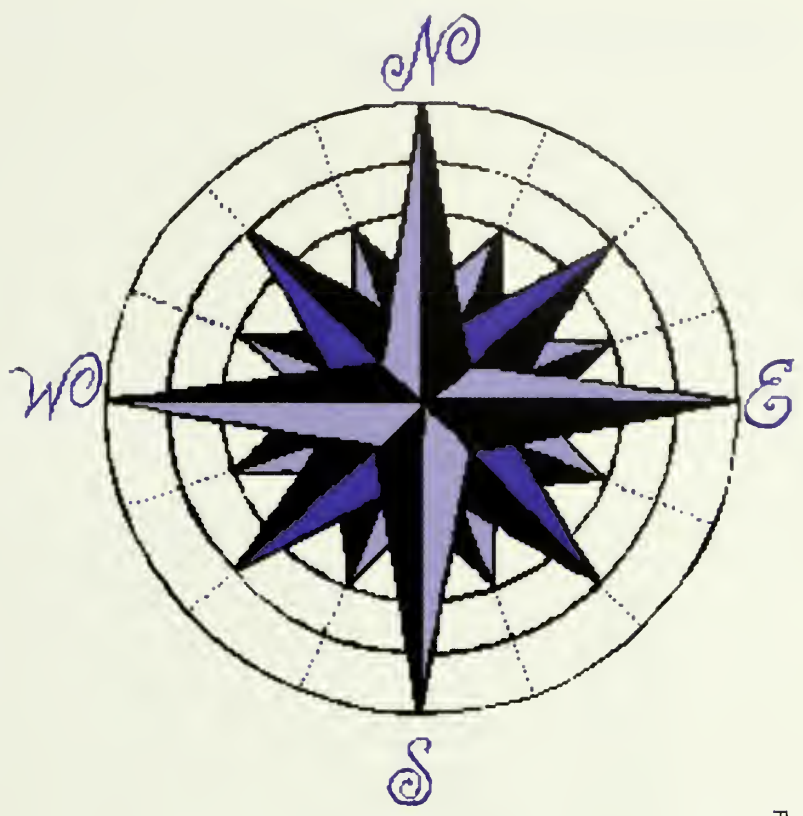
Assistant professor of biology Steve Best plays in a faculty versus students basketball game in the field house.



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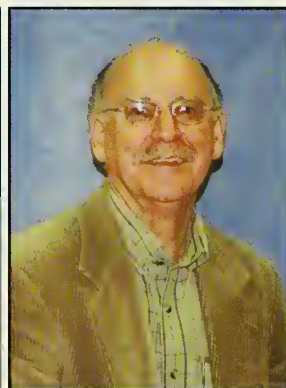
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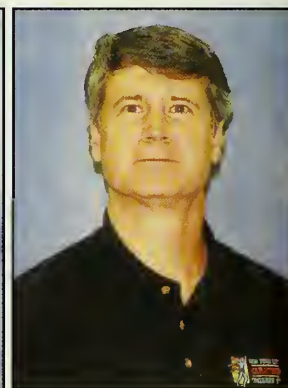
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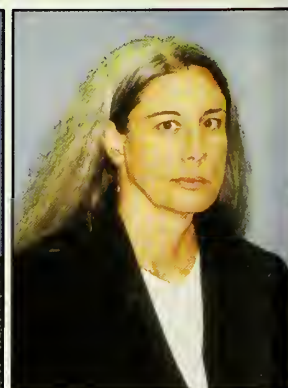
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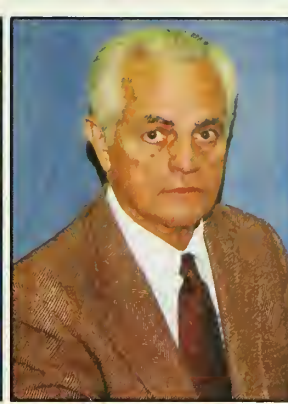
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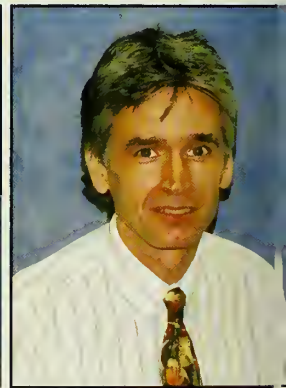
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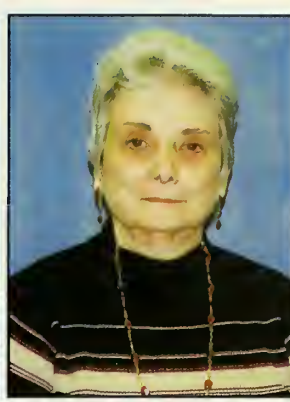
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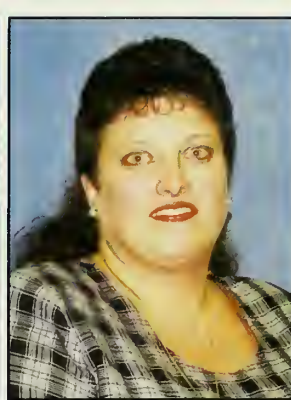
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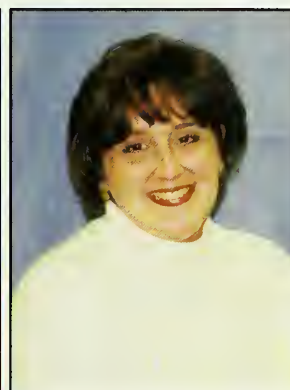
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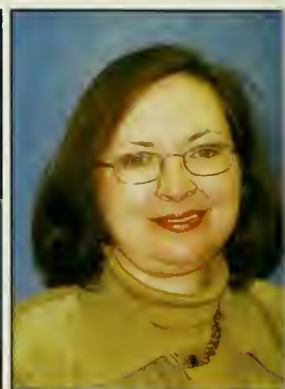
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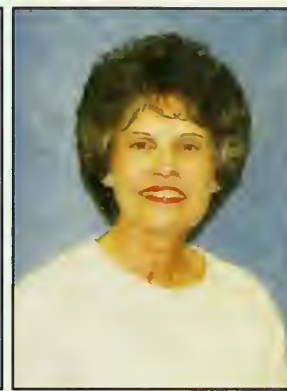
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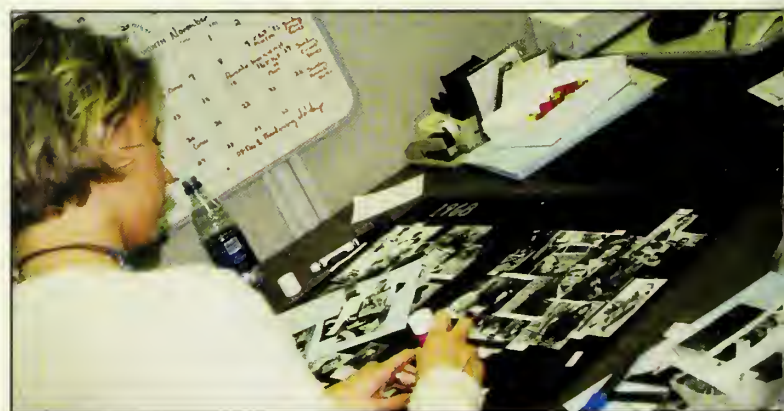
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Volume 38 of the Cutlass year-book depicts life at Charleston Southern University from late spring 2002 until early spring 2003.

The 9-inch by 12-inch book is printed on 100 lb. enamel paper with tan parchment endsheets featuring a torn edge on the front endsheet. The cover is Smyth bound with a lithocote cover with a gloss finish featuring printing on the front, spine and back. Designed by the Cutlass staff, the cover features a 1792 Purcell map of the southeastern states in bamboo and brown ink. The map is in the public domain. The map was chosen to illustrate the

theme, In Search of..., and to show-case local history.

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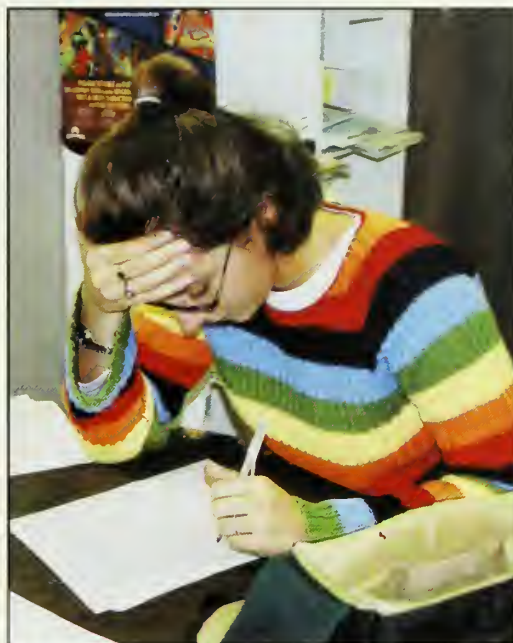
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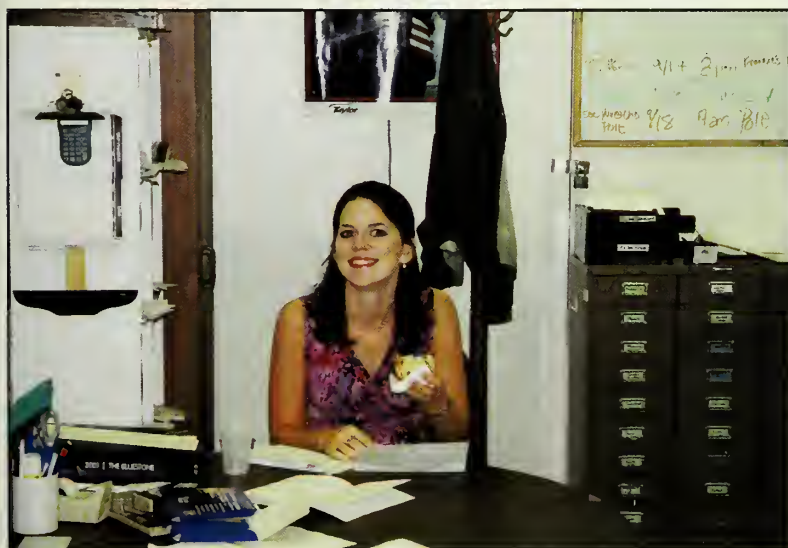
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Virginia Surovec concentrates on editing copy. photo by Sarah Dyar



Sarah Dyar lays out the photos for her campus ministries spread. photo by Virginia Surovec



Libby Bailey eats lunch while reviewing copy. photo by Sarah Dyar

In search of...

President Hunter and the cheerleaders maintain a good attitude despite the rain. photo by Brandi Michelle Stockman



BY CHERIE EVANS

It stands alone in the night sky, twinkling, shining. This single point marks the northern end of the axis: the North Star. It is not big or very bright. It remains steady as a point of reference for anyone in the northern hemisphere

to see. This star stands in the same place day and night, never moving. It is the one constant in the sky. Its consistency allows it to be used to find true north if ever you are lost.

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The Resolution concert in January offered a diverse group of talents including mimes. photo by Virginia Surovec





The Channel 5 cameraman gathers the Bucs around his camera to shoot a unique angle. photo by Libby Bailey

Daniel Grass sings
and plays at a Brewer
Center coffeehouse.
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In search of...



The sun sets over the Reflection Pond. ©2002 Nathan Falco

Michael Card, a popular Christian vocalist, compares the North Star to Jesus Christ in an interview with Hohna Cass. “In his incarnation, a lot of people were very unimpressed by Jesus,” Card explains, “but He is the person that you find your way by.

This is a beautiful parallel that should inspire us to follow our one and only true north—Jesus. He shines alone in a dark world offering hope, purpose and fulfillment to anyone willing to accept Him.

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Everyone searches for meaning. The steeple above Lightsey Chapel points to the way to find meaning—the cross. photo by Virginia Surovec

In search of...

Friends enjoy the SGA-sponsored coffeehouse on a chilly winter evening. photo by Cherie Evans



By Jesus' light we are able to see all that He alone can make us. While we continue to search for who we are, where we are going and what we want out of our lives, God calls for us with

open arms. He is waiting for us to tell Him that we want Him to show us His purpose for our lives. He is the Truth we are in search of!

Splashes of color greet visitors to the campus in the spring.
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Dominique Johnson is surrounded by the majesty of the mountains as she snowboards in her native Germany. photo provided

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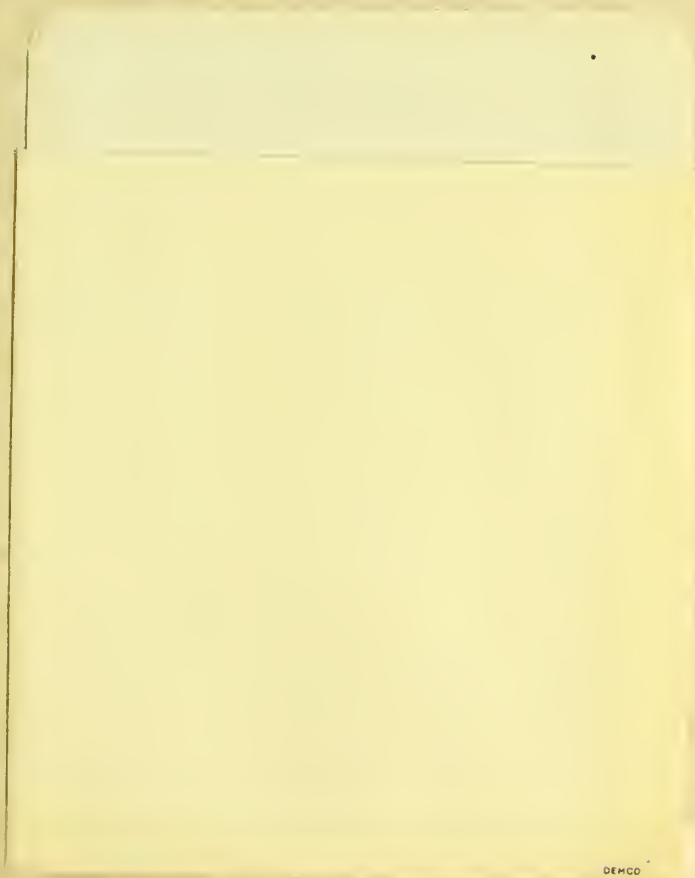


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